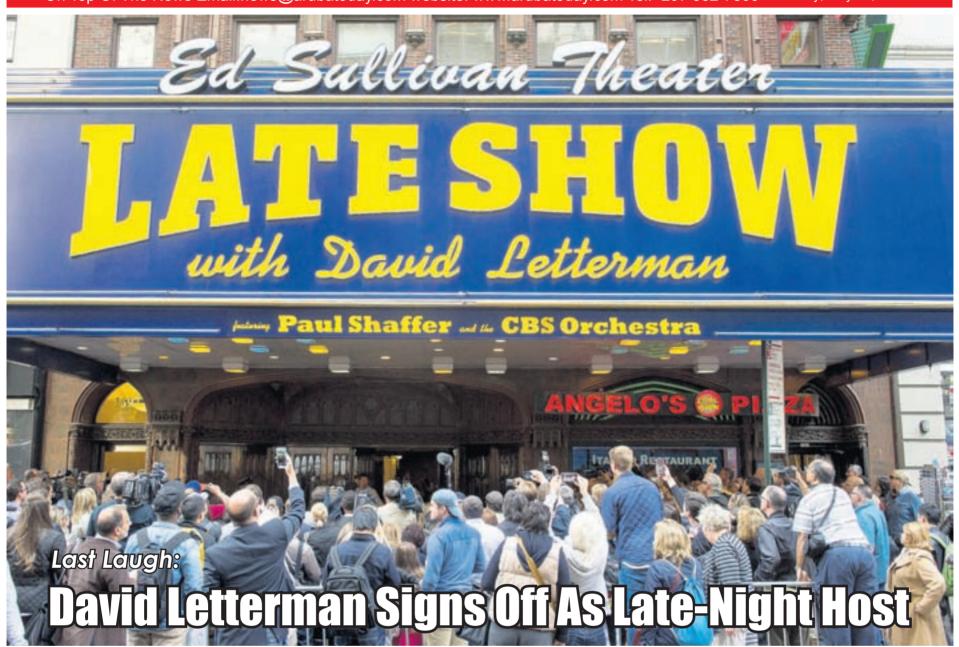
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Fans stand outside The Ed Sullivan Theater during the last taping of the "Late Show with David Letterman" on Wednesday, May 20, 2015, in New York.

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DAVID BAUDER AP Television Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Comedy stars from Steve Martin to Tina Fey and the rock band Foo Fighters ushered David Letterman into retirement Wednesday after 33 years and 6,028 broadcasts of his late-night shows on CBS and NBC.

His final "Late Show" broadcast ran long, some 17 minutes over its usual hour; CBS let the show go without cutting it.

The transplanted Hoosier, who made Top Ten lists and ironic humor staples of television comedy and influenced a generation of performers, will be replaced by Stephen Colbert in September.

Fans and photographers clustered outside the 53rd Street side entrance to Manhattan's Ed Sullivan

Theater on Wednesday afternoon to watch a steady stream of celebrities arriving, including Jerry Seinfeld, Chris Rock, Jim Carrey, Julia Louis-Dreyfus, Barbara Walters, Peyton Manning and Alec Baldwin along with Fey and Martin.

Several audience members who filed out of the theater after the show had tears in their eyes.

"It was really incredible,"

said Will Landman of Long Island, New York. "It was the best way he could go out."

Audience members pointed to a star-studded Top Ten list and the Foo Fighters as highlights. As for the host, Letterman "was guarded but you could tell it was really hard for him," said John Bernstein, who flew in from Los Angeles to see the finale.

"You could see his emotion," he said. "But I think he's feeling a lot more than he's showing."

Rival Jimmy Kimmel paid tribute to Letterman by not making a fresh ABC show on Wednesday, where he usually competes in the same time slot. Fallon paid tribute on "Tonight" on Monday: "I, like every kid who grew up watching him, will miss him."





Catholic soul-searching in Ireland over gay marriage | U.S. willing to

SHAWN POGATCHNIK Associated Press

DUBLIN (AP) — Gays in Ireland often have faced a stark choice between predominantly leading secret lives or

Friday's constitutional refer- Catholic Church against endum has featured sear- the secular-minded goving testimonies designed ernment of Prime Minister to make the voters of this Enda Kenny.

Roman "A yes vote costs the rest Catholic nation look in the of us nothing. A no vote law scholar and former legal adviser to the church, spoke of her son's experience of bullying and isolation as a teenager, and of friends who learned that their own sons were gay only when they tried to kill themselves.

The government's campaign effectively began in January with a 36-yearold Cabinet minister, Leo Varadkar, declaring his homosexuality so that he could campaign for a "yes" vote from a position of honesty.

The public confessional has been busy ever since. A steady stream of entertainers, sports stars and political and business leaders have told their stories of coming out to parents and siblings, or of learning that a close friend or relative was gay. Most say they kept their true sexual identity secret to avoid ostracism, intimidation or even criminal sanction in a country that, until 1993, outlawed homosexual acts.

"For too long now, people haven't been able to be true to themselves," said Conor Cusack, who is one of the few openly gay athletes in Ireland's native Gaelic sports scene. In media debates, Cusack has challenged the views of other well-known sportsmen who say they'll vote



A gay rights mural decorates the side of a building in central Dublin, Ireland. Barely a generation ago, Ireland listed homosexual acts as a crime and made gays lead secret lives or emigrate to more liberal lands. But on Friday, May 22, 2015, in the world's first national referendum on the matter, the Irish could vote to legalize same-sex marriage. The contest has pit the waning power of the Catholic Church against the secular-minded government of Prime Minister Enda Kenny.

(AP Photo/Shawn Pogatchnik)

emigrating to more liberal mirror. Members of many lands. This week, the Irish could turn that tradition on its head and vote to legalize same-sex marriage in the world's first national referendum on the matter.

of Ireland's most prominent families have come out of the closet in hopes of challenging their neighbors' attitudes to homosexuality. The contest has pit The campaign ahead of the waning power of the costs our gay children everything," former President Mary McAleese said at a gay rights event in Dublin this week after her only son, a 30-year-old airline executive, revealed he is gay. McAleese, a canon

South Sudan: Casualties as UN compound is bombed

R. MUHUMUZA J. PATINKIN **Associated Press** KAMPALA, Uganda (AP) —

Four civilians, including a woman and a child, were killed on Tuesday when two mortar bombs exploded inside a U.N. compound in the town of Melut in South Sudan's Upper Nile state, the U.N. reported on Wednesday as rebel forces and government troops day. battled for control of a stra-

Eight more people were injured in the blast on Tuesday evening, the U.N. mission in South Sudan said in a statement, adding that it is "deeply concerned by

tegic oil hub.

the disregard for civilian lives, U.N. personnel and facilities."

Fighting has recently intensified in South Sudan's Upper Nile and Unity states as government troops and rebel forces fight for control of territory.

At stake are the Upper Nile oil fields of Paloch, which the rebels said they were poised to seize on Wednes-

As the country's last remaining functional oil fields, they are crucial for South Sudan's increasingly vulnerable economy.

"It's just a matter of hours" before Paloch falls, said Col. Tony Ngundeng, a spokesman for rebels loyal to Riek Machar, the former deputy president whose dismissal in July 2013 sparked political unrest that later boiled over into a full-blown rebellion.

The rebels' claims were immediately dismissed by South Sudanese military spokesman Col. Philip Aguer, who told The Associated Press that the rebels had been repulsed and the oil fields are no longer threatened.

The deputy spokesman for the U.N. secretary-general, Farhan Haa, told reporters Wednesday that the Security Council is considering "further steps" against those obstructing South Sudan's peace process.

South Sudan's warring parties "haven't acted in good faith for quite some time." The United States condemned the attack and called for an end to the fighting and a return to peace talks.

Haq said the leaders of

"The international community is footing the bill for President Salva Kiir's and opposition leader Riek Machar's shameful disregard for the devastating humanitarian crisis facing the people of South Sudan," the U.S. ambassador to the U.N., Samantha Power, said in a statement Wednesday night.

take Rohingya boat people

M. PENNINGTON **Associated Press** WASHINGTON (AP) The United States is willing to take in Rohingya refugees as part of international efforts to cope with Southeast Asia's stranded boat people, the State Department said Wednesday.

Spokeswoman Marie Harf said that the U.S. is prepared to take a leading role in any multicountry effort, organized by the United Nations refugee agency, to resettle the most vulnerable refugees.

In the past three weeks, more than 3,000 people Rohingya Muslims fleeing persecution in Myanmar and Bangladeshis trying to escape poverty have landed in overcrowded boats on the shores of various Southeast Asian countries. Aid groups say thousands more are stranded at sea after human smugglers abandoned their boats because of a crackdown by authorities.

Indonesia, Malaysia and Thailand have been reluctant to let the Rohingya in and have turned boats full of hungry, thirsty people away, because they fear a flood of unwanted migrants. Harf welcomed the governments' decision "to uphold their responsibilities under international law and provide humanitarian assistance and shelter to 7,000 vulnerable migrants." The U.S. would consider requests from the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees and International Organization for Migration for funds to help receive and screen refugees as they come to shore.

Harf said that since Oct. 1, the U.S. has resettled more than 1,000 Rohingya, Last year, the U.S. accepted nearly 70,000 refugees people with a well-founded fear of persecution from around the world.

"I think the Malaysians and the Indonesians have requested some help resettling people. We're taking a careful look at the proposal," Harf told reporters in Washington.



Obama calls climate change 'indisputable' security threat

NANCY BENAC Associated Press

NEW LONDON, Connecticut (AP) — President Barack Obama has argued for action on climate change as a matter of health, environmental protection and international obligation.

On Wednesday, he added

national security.

Those who deny global warming are putting at risk the United States and the military sworn to defend it, he told cadets at the U.S. Coast Guard Academy. Failure to act would be "dereliction of duty," their commander in chief said.

He said climate change and rising sea levels jeopardize the readiness of U.S. forces and threaten to aggravate social tensions and political instability around the globe.

The president's message to climate change skeptics was unequivocal: "Denying it or refusing to deal with it undermines our national security"

"Make no mistake, it will impact how our military defends our country,' Obama said on a crisp, sunny morning at Cadet Memorial Field. "We need to act and we need to act now."

Seated before him were 218 white-uniformed graduates, pondering where military service will take them in life.

Obama drew a line from climate change to national security that had multiple strands:

—increased risk of natural disasters resulting in humanitarian crises, with the potential to increase refugee flows and worsen conflicts over food and water. —aggravating conditions such as poverty, political instability and social tensions that can lead to terrorist activity and other violence.



President Barack Obama and Ensign Robert Huntley McConnel strike a pose after he received his diploma and commission at the U.S. Coast Guard Academy graduation, Wednesday, May 20, 2015, in New London, Conn.

(AP Photo/Pablo Martinez Monsivais)

economy from rising oceans that threaten thousands of miles of highways, roads, railways and energy facilities.

—new challenges for mili-

—new threats to the U.S. tary bases and training areas from seas, drought and other conditions.

"Around Norfolk, high tides and storms increasingly flood parts of our Navy base and an air base,"

Obama said of military facilities in Virginia. "In Alaska, thawing permafrost is damaging military facilities. Out West, deeper droughts and longer wildfires could threaten training areas our

troops depend on." Preparing for and adapting to climate change won't be enough, he said. "The only way the world is going to prevent the worst effects of climate change is to slow down the warming of the planet."

He laid out his administration's steps to reduce carbon greenhouse gas emissions, including strict limits on emissions from vehicles and power plants. The government expects those emission reductions to provide the U.S. contribution to a global climate treaty that world leaders are expected to finalize in December. Obama said it doesn't take a scientist to know that climate change is happening.

The evidence is "indisputable," he said.

Without identifying the skeptics or those who resist action on climate change, Obama acknowledged the difficult terrain in Washington.

"The politics will be tough, but there is no other way." He repeated: "This will be tough."

Paul uses filibuster to fight data collection

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WASHINGTON - Just how long can Sen. Rand Paul talk? Paul, the Kentucky senator and Republican presidential candidate with a strong following among libertarians, took to the Senate floor Wednesday afternoon with plans to talk and talk and talk to highlight his concerns over reauthorizing portions of the Patriot Act that involve surveillance.

The legislation that Paul hopes to delay, the USA Freedom Act, would ac-

tually overhaul the Patriot And I will not let the Patriot Act - curtailing the government's bulk collection of phone records, for example. But Paul has cast himself as the lone Republican presidential candidate who would safeguard civil liberties, and he knows that a filibuster is an effective way to spotlight the issue.

"There comes a time in the history of nations when fear and complacency allow power to accumulate and liberty and privacy to suffer," Paul said, beginning his speech at 1:18 p.m. Eastern time. "That time is now. Act, the most unpatriotic of acts, go unchallenged."

Paul, wearing a charcoal gray suit and dark sneakers, arrived on the Senate floor laden with binders and folders packed full of papers intended to sustain him well into the evening.

"I've just taken the Senate floor to begin a filibuster of the Patriot Act renewal," Paul wrote on Twitter, shortly after seizing the Senate chamber. "It's time to end the NSA spying!"

After Paul had spoken for roughly an hour, his campaign sent out an email to supporters explaining his goals, and Paul and his team continued to promote his talkathon throughout the day over social media, using the hashtag #StandWithRand.

"Sen. Paul is a staunch defender of liberty and believes Americans have a right to privacy," the email said. "The U.S. government has no place conducting these warrantless searches and should focus on aathering intelligence on suspected terrorists and foreign actors."

Bush again says he's on his own path; embraces family ties

NICK CORASANITI © 2015 New York Times PORTSMOUTH, N.H. - Before a question was even asked at a round-table event here, Jeb Bush delivered

ping up for Bush as he apart in some ways," he struggles over how to confront perceptions that a Bush has taken a measure Jeb Bush presidency would of pride in having bucked be merely a continuation his family's expectations

The Bush issue keeps crop- own - one that sets me told the crowd here.

In a news conference with reporters outside the event, Bush seemed both exasperated and proud about the attention to his lineage, repeating,

"I'm a Bush, I'm proud of it," and saying rhetorically, "Like what am I supposed to say?"

During most of the event, Bush was in a decidedly more jovial mood as he tried to move beyond the troubles he had last week when he tripped up over a question about the Iraq war. He entered the crowded round-table discussion here Wednesday with a smile - and a lighthearted reference to his current status as an undeclared candidate.

"I really like campaigning," he told the crowd, before quickly adding, "I'm not a candidate."

What followed was a cordial event, capped by Bush learning that a woman whose baby was due Thursday would name her baby

Bush beamed when he heard the news, and gave the woman, Jackie Burke of Stratton, New Hampshire, not one but two hugs. "That's so sweet - first time that's ever happened to me," Bush noted as he walked out of the event.

But Burke later recanted slightly, saying that she had not run the name past her husband and that she was still undecided. But a J.E. Burke, which would become Jeb, remained a "possibility." (Bush's full name is John Ellis Bush.)

Bush left the event with a smile, a marked contrast to what he called a "bumpy" time last week, when he found himself recalibrating remarks suggesting he would have authorized the invasion of Iraq had he known of intelligence failures at the time. This time around, gone were the college students with pointed questions, replaced with curious but affable local business leaders enjoying sandwiches, sodas and a collegial conversation.

Still, Iraq was a topic of conversation in New Hampshire, but this time Bush went on the offensive against President Barack Obama.

"The focus should have been on, knowing what we know now, Mr. President, should you have kept 10,000 troops in Iraq? 15,000? 4,000?" Bush said, suggesting Obama's troop withdrawals helped set the stage for the rise of the Islamic State and its recent territorial gains in Iraq. "That's the better answer because yesterday, Ramadi was now taken over by ISIS," he said, using an alternate name for the

He furthered his critique of the president in an interview with reporters outside the event, saying Obama's decision to pull out of Iraq was "a campaign promise," adding that it "wasn't based on conditions in Iraq at the time, and now we're paying for it."



Former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush talks with reporters following a meeting with seacoast area business leaders, Wednesday, May 20, 2015, in Portsmouth, N.H. Bush is visiting the nation's earliest presidential primary state as he considers a run for the Republican nomination for president.

(AP Photo/Jim Cole)

view his last name as a burden: Get over it.

"I love my mom and dad," he said. "I love my brother, and people are just going to have to get over that. That's just the way it is."

AP Source:

blunt advice to those who of his brother's or father's through the years: He left time in the White House. In dealing with the issue, he either makes unapologetic declarations of brotherly love, or he forcefully reiterates that he is his own man. "I have a life journey, my

Texas, where his father and brother made their fortunes, to start a life for himself in Florida.

But he was quickly drawn into the family business of politics.

House panel subpoenas Hillary Clinton confidant

MATTHEW DALY Associated Press WASHINGTON (AP) — A longtime confidant of Hilltify before a special House panel investigating the deaths of four Americans at the U.S. diplomatic post in Benghazi, Libya, according to an official familiar with the probe.

This official, speaking to The Associated Press on condi-

tion of anonymity, said the officials concerning Libya subpoena was issued by the panel headed by Rep. of state. Blumenthal was Trey Gowdy. The official de- not an employee of the ary Rodham Clinton has clined to be identified pub- State Department at the been subpoended to tes- licly because he wasn't au- time. thorized to discuss by name an investigation still in progress. The panel has "a number of questions" for Sydney Blumenthal, the official said, including whether he had anybusiness arrangements that led him to send emails to Clinton and other

while Clinton was secretary

Clinton had initially been expected to testify this week on the September 2012 attacks that killed four Americans, including U.S. ambassador Christopher Stevens, but her testimony was put off after Gowdy complained that he lacked the necessary State Department documents to thoroughly question her. Clinton, who is seeking the Democratic Party's presidential nomination, was in lowa Tuesday for a paign appearance.

Rep. Elijah Cummings, ranking Democrat on the panel, issued a statement Wednesday assailing the committee's GOP leadership for its handling of the subpoena.



Differing perceptions of Waco, Baltimore bothering some

JESSE J. HOLLAND Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The prevailing images of protests in Baltimore and Ferguson, Missouri, over police killings of black men were of police in riot gear, handcuffed protesters, tear gas and mass arrests. The main images of a fatal gun battle between armed bikers and police in Waco, Texas, also showed mass arrests — carried out by nonchalant-looking officers sitting around calm bikers on cellphones.

The firefight in Waco is raising questions about perceptions and portrayals of crime in America, considering the vehement reaction that the earlier protests got from police, politicians and some members of the public.

Unlike in Ferguson and Baltimore, where protests went on for days, there was no live news coverage of the Waco shootout. And yet the incident at a Texas restaurant hasn't been used as a bridge to discuss other issues about families, poverty and crime, media critics, columnists and civil rights activists say.

They complain that there appears to be little societal concern about the gunplay at a restaurant in Texas, whereas politicians including President Barack Obama — described violent looters in Baltimore as "thugs," and the media devoted hours of television and radio airtime to dissecting social ills that affect the black community. On Twitter, #wacothugs and #whiteonwhitecrime were trending, with columnists around the nation debating the differences.

The shootout at a Twin Peaks restaurant in Waco left nine people dead and 18 injured. About 170 bik-

ers have been charged with engaging in organized crime, with bond at \$1 million for each suspect. Mug shots show an array of suspects: white, Hispanic, a white woman and a man who looked black.

Police said the fight started because a vehicle rolled over a man's foot. That caused a dispute that continued inside the restaurant, where fighting and then shooting began, before the violence spilled back outside, they said. About 50 weapons were confiscated, mostly knives and firearms. However, police said a final count could show there were more than 100 weapons.

Officials said the nine dead were Bandidos and Cossacks members, ranging in age from 27 to 65. Preliminary autopsy results showed all nine were killed by gunshots.

There were no deaths during the Baltimore and Ferguson protests, yet people immediately stereotyped all of the protesters as criminals, said Nicole Lee, a human rights lawyer who worked with protesters in both cities.

"Nine people were killed in Waco, and yet you have not heard the level of disgust and dismay as you did over fires burning in Ferguson and in Baltimore," Lee said. "One of the things the that while many of them

people over what happened in Waco."

Civil rights attorney Charles F. Coleman Jr. said only protesters always said was minority communities get blamed for violence, while

tests, some violent, that flared up around the police killings of black men, most of which involved an overwhelmingly black crowd, were called "riots"



A McLennan County deputy stands guard near a group of bikers in the parking lot of a Twin Peaks restaurant in Waco, Texas.

(Rod Aydelotte/Waco Tribune-Herald via AP)

disagreed with the property destruction, that you can rebuild property. But you can't bring back people, and yet you're not hearing an equal amount of disgust from the media and from

no one blames white families or white communities for fatal violence by white men, characterizing such events instead as "isolated incidents."

Coleman noted that pro- are not.

while college and professional sports championship celebrations and losses that turned violent, most of which involved an overwhelmingly white crowd,

US Capitol gyrocopter pilot facing 6 charges

JESSICA GRESKO

WASHINGTON (AP) — A man who piloted a gyrocopter through miles of ing charges that carry up to $9\frac{1}{2}$ years in prison.

The U.S. attorney's office for the District of Columbia said Wednesday in a statement that a grand jury has indicted Douglas Hughes on six charges. He is scheduled to appear Thursday in federal court in Washing-

Hughes said in a telephone interview Wednesday after-America's most restricted noon that he had arrived in airspace before landing at Washington and would be the U.S. Capitol is now fac-making a statement after his appearance in court.

> "We are looking at a case where there was no injury and no property damage, and the requirements as far as what the prosecution is asking for include years of jail time. The penalties that they are demanding

are not consistent with the damage," he said

A federal public defender listed in the court's online record as representing Hughes did not immediately respond Wednesday afternoon to a telephone message and email requesting comment.

Hughes, who took off from southwestern Pennsylvania, was arrested April 15 after he landed on the Capitol's West Lawn. Hughes has said his flight was intended

to call attention to the influence of big money in politics. The stunt also led to a congressional hearing and exposed a gap in ensuring the safety of buildings in the city.

The charges Hughes now faces include two felonies: operating as an airman without an airman's certificate and violating aircraft registration requirements. Those charges carry a maximum of three years in prison.



US releases bin Laden documents swept up in raid



A translated copy of an application to join Osama bin Laden's terrorist network is photographed in Washington, Wednesday, May 20, 2015. The document is among 100 realized by U.S. intelligence officials. U.S. intelligence officials have released more than 100 documents seized in the raid on Osama bin Laden's compound, including a loving letter to his wife and a job application for his terrorist network. The Office of the Director of National Intelligence says the papers were taken in the Navy SEALs raid that killed bin Laden in Pakistan in 2011.

(AP Photo)

CONNIE CASS ROBERT BURNS Associated Press WASHINGTON (AP) — Documents swept up in the raid on Osama bin Laden's

compound portray a leader cut off from his underlings, disappointed by their failures, beset by their complaints and regretting years of separation from much of his extensive family.

Focus your fighting on America, not each other, sidelined al-Qaida chief exhorts his followers. In a videotaped will, he urges one of his wives, should she remarry after his death, to still choose to live beside him in paradise. He also directs her to send their son to the battlefield.

Despite some surprising quirks in the collection, the overall message of the 103 letters, videos and reports made public Wednesday hews to the terror group's familiar mission: In the name of God, find a way to kill Americans. Kill Europeans. Kill Jews.

"Uproot the obnoxious tree by concentrating on its American trunk," bin Laden writes in a letter urging al-Qaida affiliates in North Africa to not be distracted by fighting local security forces and to avoid Muslim infighting.

The U.S. Office of the Director of National Intelligence said the documents, released as online images, were among a collection of books, U.S. think tank reports and other materials recovered in the May 2011 raid that killed bin Laden at his compound in Abbottabad, Pakistan.

The information was declassified and made public after a review by government agencies, as required by a 2014 law. Hundreds more documents found at the compound will be reviewed for possible declassification and release, the office said Wednesday, four years after bin Laden's death.

The documents, as translated by U.S. intelligence officials, mix the mundane language of business — personnel training, budget matters, financing for "workshops and collaborating groups" — with fervent religious appeals and updates on terrorism plots, all written in flowery language full of praise for God.

The documents include a fill-in-the-blanks job application for al-Qaida candidates that not only asks typical human resources questions about education and hobbies but also, "Do you wish to execute a suicide operation?" It requests an emergency contact should the applicant

become a martyr.

Drone strikes against al-Qaida leaders in Pakistan, the near-suffocation of the group's affiliate in Iraq beginning in 2007, and other developments severely undercut bin Laden in the years before his death. The terrorist threat shifted to al-Qaida affiliates in other areas, including in Yemen and North Africa. U.S. officials have said that at the time of bin Laden's death al-Qaida no longer exercised the same level of control he once had.

A May 2007 letter to bin Laden from "the Jihad and Reform Front" implores him to disavow "the ongoing catastrophes and disasters" committed by al-Qaida in Iraq, the forerunner of today's Islamic State group, which strayed from al-Qaida's orders with its brutal attacks on fellow Muslims.

"If you still can, then this is your last chance to remedy the Jihad breakdown that is about to take place in Iraq," the letter warns bin Laden.

Al-Qaida did reject the splinter group, but the Islamic State kept growing, and after bin Laden's death it went on to seize a swath of Syria and Iraq, killing Muslims and Christians, beheading Westerners and drawing warplanes from a U.S.-led international coalition to the region.

At one point, an undated "Report on External Operations" presented bin Laden with a litany of excuses for failure to reach al-Qaida's violent goals for the year, including orders to kill Jews. "First of them was bad luck and God wasn't on our side," it says, before running through complaints about a lack of well-trained personnel, poor communications, trouble with transportation, insufficient weapons and difficulty evading security forces.

"We are not asking for a convenient atmosphere to work ... but God knows that we have not done our best to create the correct atmosphere of work to reach our goal," the report says.





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Rice noodle and crispy veggies served with ginger sesame dressing

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Grilled marinated Skirted Steak and Shrimps

served with seasonal veggies, herbed potatoes and chimichuri sauce

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US Financial Front:

Why many experts missed this: Cheap oil can hurt US economy

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WASHINGTON (AP) — If
there was one thing most
economists agreed on
at the start of the year, it
was this: Plunging oil prices
would boost the U.S. economy.

It hasn't worked out that way.

The economy is thought to have shrunk in the January-March quarter and may barely grow for the first half of 2015 — thanks in part to sharp cuts in energy drilling. And despite their savings at the gas pump, consumers have slowed rather than increased their spending.

At \$2.71 a gallon, the average price of gas nationwide is nearly \$1 lower than it was a year ago. In January, the average briefly reached \$2.03, the lowest in five years.

Cheaper oil and gas had been expected to turbocharge spending and drive growth, more than making up for any economic damage caused by cutbacks in the U.S. oil patch.

Consider what Federal Reserve Chair Janet Yellen said in December: Lower gas prices, Yellen declared, are "certainly good for families. ... It's like a tax cut that boosts their spending power."

Other experts were more direct: "Lower oil prices are an unambiguous plus for the U.S. economy," Chris Lafakis, an economist at Moody's Analytics, wrote in January.

So what did they get wrong?

It turns out that the economic effects of lower energy prices have evolved since the Great Recession. Corporate spending on drill rigs, steel piping for wells and railcars to transport oil has become an increasingly vital driver of economic growth. So when oil prices fall and energy companies retrench, the economy suffers

The drilling boom that erupted in 2008 has boosted U.S. oil production nearly 75 percent and natural gas 30 percent and made the United States the world's largest combined producer of oil and natural gas. Energy production contributes about 2 percent to economic output, up from less than 1 percent in 2000. Yet in recent months, industry activity has dropped more sharply than predicted.

"So far, it is fair to say that we have been hurt more than helped," Lafakis acknowledges now.

During their policy meeting last month, Fed officials grappled with the changing impact of cheaper oil, according to minutes of the meeting released Wednesday. Several policymakers said the economic drag from drilling cutbacks could be "larger and longer-lasting than previously anticipated."

They also worried that the weakness in consumer spending, despite cheaper gas, suggested that Americans might generally be more reluctant to spend than assumed.

Some economists are reconsidering assumptions they use to forecast the economy.

"The benefit of lower oil

cast of 3.3 percent. (The downgrade is also due in part to a stronger U.S. dollar, which has depressed exports.)

ous quarter's 4.4 percent. Much of the cash saved at the gas pump was put away: The U.S. savings rate reached its highest point

Gas station attendant Carlos Macar pumps gas in Andover, Mass. The economy is thought to have shrunk in the January-March quarter and may barely grow for the first half of 2015 _ thanks in part to sharp cuts in energy drilling. And despite their savings at the gas pump, consumers have slowed rather than increased their spending.

(AP Photo/Elise Amendola)

prices is less pronounced than, say, 10 years ago," says Jim Burkhard, a researcher at IHS Energy. "You're taking a big engine of economic activity and cutting it sharply."

Lafakis and many others still expect consumers to spend much of their savings from cheaper gas, powering faster growth in the second half of the year. Economists say it can take up to six months for people to spend unexpected windfalls. But any gains won't likely be enough to counter the anemic start to the year.

Moody's Analytics expects the economy to expand just 2.6 percent this year, down from an earlier foreFor families, the drop in gas prices was an unexpected gift. The government has estimated that cheaper gas will save a typical household \$675 this year.

Yet still scarred by the recession, many remain reluctant to spend freely. Analysts also note that Americans are less likely to spend extra money if they think the gain is temporary.

"Consumers have been very reluctant to spend (savings from cheaper gas), because they view that as fleeting," says Greg McBride, chief financial analyst at Bankrate.com.

Consumer spending rose at an annual rate of just 1.9 percent in the first quarter, compared with the previous quarter's 4.4 percent. Much of the cash saved at the gas pump was put away: The U.S. savings rate reached its highest point in more than two years. Wal-Mart and Target have confirmed that their sales aren't getting much lift from cheaper gas.

For Vince Cimilluca, a 28-year-old video editor in Edison, New Jersey, lower gas prices haven't changed his finances much. He's struggling to pay \$800 a month in student debt while saving for a home. He's seen gas prices gyrate and doesn't trust they'll stay low.

"The extra money that I have, I save," Cimilluca says. For the economy, the technological breakthroughs that allowed the energy industry to power growth now help explain the slowdown. As the 2008-09 recession ended, companies used hydraulic fracturing, or fracking, to unlock underground reserves. Oil, at \$100 a barrel or more, made such efforts profitable.

Jim Burkhard of IHS Energy estimates that U.S. and Canadian energy companies increased investment in production from \$98 billion in 2005 to \$363 billion last year. U.S. oil and gas jobs nearly doubled to 537,000. In addition, jobs were added at steel mills, at sand pits to process sand for fracking and at restaurants and service companies in areas with new-found oil and gas fields, like North Dakota and Pennsylvania.





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Banks fined over \$5B on market rigging

KEN SWEET ERIC TUCKER The Associated Press WASHINGTON (AP) — Four of the world's biggest banks agreed Wednesday to pay more than \$5 billion in penalties and plead guilty to rigging the currency markets — a rare instance in which federal prosecutors have wrung an admission of criminal wrongdoing from a major financial institution.

Traders at **JPMorgan** Chase, Citigroup's banking unit Citicorp, Barclays and the Royal Bank of Scotland were accused of working together to manipulate rates on the foreign exchange market, where hundreds of billions of dollars and euros change hands back and forth.

The penalties are a victory for the government and reflect a broader effort by the Justice Department, long criticized as reluctant to prosecute big banks, to tackle financial misconduct.

In the past 18 months, prosecutors have brought criminal cases against banks accused of tax evasion and sanctions violations, and have reached multibillion-dollar settlements with several others for their roles in the 2008 financial meltdown.

Still, the punishment announced Wednesday may have limited practical consequences.

The four banks will be able to continue to do business in the currency markets. No executives were charged, though that part of the investigation continues. And the fines, while large, are a fraction of what the institutions have made through currency trading over the past decade.

shared customer orders through chat rooms and used that information to profit at their clients' expenses. The traders called themselves "The Cartel," and in one of those chat rooms, a Barclays employee wrote: "if you aint cheating, you aint trying,"

Prosecutors said traders enter into with any great joy in their hearts," Attorney General Loretta Lynch said.

> All told, including an agreement announced last year, the group of banks will pay nearly \$9 billion in fines for manipulating the \$5.3 trillion currency market.



This combination made from file photos shows signage for four banks, Barclays, Citigroup, JPMorgan Chase, and the Royal Bank of Scotland, that will pay \$2.5 billion in fines and plead guilty to criminally manipulating global currency market going back to 2007.

(AP Photos)

investigators said.

The banks will pay a combined \$2.5 billion in criminal penalties for manipulation of currency rates between 2007 and 2013. The Federal Reserve is slapping them with an additional \$1.6 billion in fines. Finally, Britain's Barclays is paying an additional \$1.3 billion to British and U.S. regulators.

A fifth bank, Switzerland's UBS — which was scrutinized years earlier in a similar scheme — has agreed to plead auilty to manipulating key interest rates criminal penalty of \$203 million.

"Having to enter into a guilty plea, at the parent level by a major financial institution, is not something that they enter into lightly, nor is it something they Still, JPMorgan Chase had \$4.1 billion in revenue from its fixed income and currencies business in the first quarter of this year alone, while Citi had \$3.48 billion. It is rare to see a bank plead guilty to wrongdo-

Even in the aftermath of the meltdown, most financial companies reached "non-prosecution agreements" or "deferred prosecution agreements" with regulators, agreeing to pay tens of billions in fines but not admitting any guilt. and will pay a separate It any wrongdoing was acknowledged, it was usually by one of the bank's subsidiaries or divisions, not the overall company.

An earlier case against UBS underscores the difficulty of deterring banks from bad behavior.

Judge won't reopen RadioShack intellectual property auction: AP

RANDALL CHASE AP Business Writer

WILMINGTON, **Del. (AP)** — A Delaware bankruptcy judge on Wednesday refused to reopen a disputed auction for the sale of RadioShack's intellectual property, including trademarks and data on some 67 million customers of the electronics retailer.

Following a hearing Wednesday, Judge Brendan Shannon said he would not second-guess a decision to change an open bidding process at last week's auction to a call for final sealed bids from three potential buyers.

The auction ended with General Wireless, an affiliate of hedge fund Standard General, declared the winner with a bid of \$26.2 million.

While certain issues remain to be resolved, Shannon said he was prepared to approve the sale of the RadioShack brand and other intellectual property to General Wireless, which also is acquiring more than 1,740 RadioShack stores.

Another bidder, Wonderland Investment Group, argued that the intellectual property auction was improperly changed when potential buyers were told, after several rounds of open bidding in minimum increments of \$100,000, to submit final sealed bids. The switch was made when the bidding, which opened at \$12 million, stood at \$18 million, with concerns that the open bidding momentum was flagging.

"I think \$8.2 million speaks for itself," David Peress, a consultant assisting in the auction process, said about the final result.

But Wonderland, which offered \$30 million after the bidding was closed, asked Shannon to reopen the bidding. It was supported in its request by RadioShack's official committee of unsecured creditors and by Salus Capital Partners, a senior lender that held priority claims on the intellectual property.

But Shannon said there were no proper grounds for him to reopen the bidding, even if it would result in millions more for RadioShack creditors.

"The switch to sealed bids, I believe, was permissible," Shannon said, citing language in the bid procedures order that allowed RadioShack, after consultation with interested parties, to adopt appropriate auction rules. The judge also noted concerns that reopening the bidding could have upset a settlement agreement reached with several state attorneys general to protect the privacy of RadioShack customers.

As the result of mediation, RadioShack agreed to sell only a few categories of its customer data, including names, mailing addresses, email addresses active within the past two years, and limited transaction data, such as purchase price, product information and store location.

Hal Morris, an assistant attorney general in Texas, noted that RadioShack and General Wireless agreed that there would be no transfer of customer credit card information, Social Security numbers, birth dates or phone numbers.



Israel's Netanyahu calls off segregation project for busses

JOSEF FEDERMAN

Associated Press JERUSALEM (AP) — Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on Wednesday canceled a plan that would have banned Palestinian laborers from riding on the same buses with Jewish settlers in the West Bank, just hours after it was announced — an embarrassing about-face that reflected the tensions enveloping Israel's new government. The inauspicious start for Netanvahu's hardline government illustrated the difficulties that loom as it tries to advance a prosettler agenda in the face

The reversal came as the European Union's foreign policy chief, Federica Mogherini, was in town. The EU has taken a tough stance against settlements built on lands claimed by the Palestinians.

of rising global outrage

and domestic criticism.

As the bus plan was unveiled, Israeli critics across the political spectrum derided it as racist, with one opposition politician comparing it to "apartheid." Israeli President Reuven Rivlin, a member of Netanyahu's Likud Party, called the plan "unthinkable" and said there had been "great damage" to Israel. Netanyahu's new coalition, which was sworn into office last week, is dominated by settler sympathizers, and the busing plan, launched late Tuesday on a trial basis, had sought to separate settlers and Palestinians from traveling together through the West Bank.The plan's mastermind, Defense Minister Moshe Yaalon, said it was connected solely to security. The settlers had complained of safety concerns and alleged harassment of female riders by Arab passengers.

Islamic State seizes ancient town of Palmyra in Syria

ZEINA KARAM SAMEER N. YACOUB **Associated Press**

BEIRUT (AP) — Islamic State extremists captured the ancient Syrian town of Palmyra after government defense lines there collapsed Wednesday, a stunning triumph for the group only days after it captured the strategic city of Ramadi in Iraq.

It was unclear by nightfall how close to Palmyra's archaeological famed site the militants had advanced, activists said, adding that Syrian soldiers were seen fleeing the area. The ruins at Palmyra are one of the world's most renowned historic and there were fears the extremists would destroy them as they did major archaeological sites in Iraq. The UNESCO world heritage site is famous for its 2,000-year-old towering Roman-era colonnades and other ruins and priceless artifacts. Before the war, thousands of tourists a year visited the remote desert outpost, a cherished landmark referred to by Syrians as the "Bride of the Desert."

The fall of the town to the Islamic State group after a week of fighting was an enormous loss to the government, not only because of its cultural significance, but because it opens the way for the extremists to



Syrian soldiers at the Temple of Bel, an ancient stone ruin, in Palmyra, Syria. Islamic State fighters fought their way into a part of the central Syrian city of Palmyra on May 20, 2015, bringing them within blocks of one of the world's most magnificent ancient sites.

(Sergey Ponomarey/The New York Times)

advance to key government-held areas, including Damascus and the Syrian coast to the south and southwest, as well as the contested eastern city of Deir el-Zour to the east.

Next to it are also important gas and oil fields in the country's central region.

It was not immediately clear how close the militants were to the ruins, which are just southwest of the town.

"I am terrified," said Maa-

moun Abdulkarim, Syria's director-general of antiquities and museums. "This is a PR battle for Daesh, and they will insist on scoring victory against civilization by destroying" the ancient ruins, he said, using the Arabic acronym for the group. The fall of Palmyra just days after Islamic State fighters seized the strategic Iraqi city of Ramadi showed the extremists' ability to advance on multiple fronts at opposite ends of a sprawl-

ing battlefield that spans the two countries — and erased any sense that recent IS losses in Tikrit and elsewhere had dealt a major blow to the militants.

The Syrian Observatory for human rights reported that government forces collapsed in the face of IS attacks and withdrew from the town late Wednesday. Beibares Tellawi, an activist in Homs province, also confirmed IS was in control of the town.

Yemeni rebel leader backs new UN peace talks

AHMED AL-HAJ CARA ANNA Associated Press SANAA, Yemen (AP) —

Peace talks on Yemen will begin next week in Geneva, the U.N. announced Wednesday, as the international community tries to end weeks of Saudi-led airstrikes against an Iran-supgrowing humanitarian crisis that has left millions short of food and fuel.

As fighting in the Arab world's poorest country continued with airstrikes against the rebels in at least five of Yemen's north-

ern provinces, the question quickly turned to who would show up for the talks starting May 28.

In a positive sign, the leader of the Houthi rebels, Abdul-Malek al-Houthi, called the talks the "only solution" for the conflict that the U.N. says has killed more than 1,800 people since midported rebel group and a March. Yemen's U.N. Ambassador Khaled Alyemany said the government of President Abed Rabbo Mansour Hadi, now in exile in neighboring Saudi Arabia, will be represented at a high level, perhaps by the vice president. But a

top Hadi aide, speaking on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to talk to the media, reiterated earlier government demands that the Houthis first pull out of towns and cities, including the capital, Sanaa, that they captured starting last year. wouldn't aive up its condition for the talks.

In a speech broadcast on the rebels' TV channel, al-Houthi gave no indication his forces would heed the demands to withdraw and instead called for new recruits and new training

camps. U.N. chief Ban Kimoon has urged all parties to engage in talks without preconditions, stressing the only way to resolve Yemen's conflict is through an "inclusive, negotiated political settlement." Ban was expected to attend the start of the Geneva talks. He said the government The Geneva talks will be a test for the U.N.'s new envoy to Yemen, Ismail Ould Cheikh Ahmed, who this month held meetings with rival political players in the

country. At the time, the

Houthis expressed readi-

ness to resume peace talks

in a "neutral" country.



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Man arrested in Italy for Tunisia Bardo attack was migrant



In this photo taken on Feb. 17 2015, Abdelmajid Touil, far-right, waits to be disembarked in Porto Empedocle, Sicily, Italy. Touil was arrested Tuesday evening May 19, 2015, at the home of his mother in Gaggiano, near Milan, Italy. Italian police have arrested the Moroccan man on a Tunisian arrest warrant accusing him of helping organize and execute the March 18, 2015 attack on Tunisia's Bardo museum that left 22 people dead, authorities said.

(Pasquale Lampo/ANSA via AP Photo)

NICOLE WINFIELD Associated Press

ROME (AP) — A Moroccan man arrested in Italy on suspicion he helped other migrants on a smug-voyage to Italy, fueled criti-

organize the attack on Tunisia's Bardo Museum had been ordered to leave Italy after having arrived with

glers' boat, authorities said Wednesday.

The arrest of Abdelmajid Touil, and details about his

cism of Europe's Mediterranean rescue operations by anti-immigrant politicians, who held up the case as evidence that Islamic extremists were slipping into Europe aboard migrant boats to then plot attacks. Touil was arrested Tuesday night on a Tunisian arrest warrant at the home of his mother and two brothers in Gaggiano, near Milan, anti-terrorism investigator Bruno Megale told report-

The accusations against Touil include premeditated murder, conspiracy to commit attacks against the state, belonging to a terrorist group and recruiting and training others to commit terrorist attacks, Megale said.

"He was wanted internationally for co-participation in, planning and executing the March 18 attack on the Bardo Museum in Tunis," Megale said. Twenty-two people were killed, four of them Italian.

The only trace that Italian authorities had of Touil

prior to his arrest was that he had arrived in Italy on Feb. 17 along with migrants from a smuggler's boat, police said. He was identified by authorities in Porto Empedocle, Sicily, and was subsequently issued an expulsion decree, Megale said.

Expulsion decrees are usually given to migrants heading to Europe for economic reasons — not refugees from conflicts who could apply for asylum. Police believe he left Italy to take part in the attack, though it's not clear if he ever left.

The ANSA news agency, reporting from outside Touil's home, quoted his unnamed brother and an unnamed neighbor as saying he had never left.

Megale said authorities lost trace of him after the expulsion order was issued. Also unclear is how and when he returned if he did indeed leave Italy.

Anti-immigrant politicians have warned that Islamic extremists might enter Italy via any one of the dozens of migrant boats setting off weekly from Libya for European shores.

The leader of the xenophobic Northern League, Matteo Salvini, demanded the interior minister resign following the arrest while others called for greater border controls to prevent the indiscriminate welcome of possible extremists.

"We cannot allow a general and indiscriminate flow of people, who taking advantage of the desperation of many immigrants and the pretend goodwill of the left

Ukraine open to hosting missile-defense system

PETER LEONARD Associated Press

KIEV, Ukraine (AP) — Ukraine is open to considering proposals to place a ballistic missile-defense system on its territory to nian defense official said Wednesday. So far no one has offered.

Oleksandr Turchynov, the head of Ukraine's National Security Council, told Ukrinform news agency in an interview that Russia has be- offer or plan to place U.S. cerned that Russia is mak-

come an increased threat since annexing the Black Sea peninsula of Crimea and increasing its military presence there.

Russian news agencies cited Kremlin spokesman ward off the risk of attacks Dmitry Peskov as say- military posture. It says Mosfrom Russia, a senior Ukrai- ing Wednesday that the cow has actively supplied deployment of a missiledefense system in Ukraine with arms and manpower would force Russia to and that it routinely bolsters adopt countermeasures.

In Washington, State De- western Russia. partment spokeswoman President Petro Porosh-Marie Harf said "There's no enko's government is con-

or NATO ballistic missile defense systems in Ukraine. I don't think we're exactly sure what they're referring to." Ukraine has repeatedly raised alarms about what it sees as Russia's aggressive separatists in east Ukraine offensive capabilities in

ing concerted efforts to move its nuclear capabilities to Crimea, which was absorbed by Moscow in 2014 following a referendum almost universally rejected by the international community.

"That the annexation of Crimea has significantly increased Russia's military capabilities and changed its balance of military power in the Black Sea and Mediterranean is understood by all our partners," Turchynov said.



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Peace activists hit roadblock ahead of DMZ crossing



Medea Benjamin, center with a pink sign, co-founder of CodePink Women for Peace, and other female peace activists join together for a group photo upon their arrival at Pyongyang Airport in Pyongyang, North Korea.

(AP Photo/Jon Chol Jin)

PYONGYANG, North Korea (AP) — Women activists including Gloria Steinem and two Nobel peace lauthey may have to change plans to cross Korea's Demilitarized Zone because authorities can't guarantee their safety if they walk from the North to the South at Panmunjom, the symbolic but tense site where the Korean War armistice agreement was signed.

The rare crossing of the DMZ, which has been ap-

to take place Sunday. Organizer Christine Ahn, a Korean-American peace activist, said the group of reates said Wednesday 30 women from 15 countries still intends to march from the northern side of Panmunjom into South Korea. But officials in Pyongyang have informed her that without a formal letter from Seoul approving a crossing at Panmunjom usually reserved for government missions — they may have to cross at another

proved by both Koreas, is Ahn said North Korea ap-

location.

proved the crossing and has requested confirmation with Seoul through the Red Cross. But she said she was informed after arriving with her group on Tuesday that Seoul had not replied. Pending clear approvals from Seoul and the U.N. military command that supervises the DMZ, she said the group has been advised to consider crossing from nearby Kaesong on a highway that is used mainly for civilian and commercial purposes.

"We have approval from

both governments to cross the DMZ, but we don't know precisely where." Ahn told The Associated Press at the hotel in Pyongyang where she and the group are staying. "We have every intention of crossing at Panmunjom. However, it seems we are not able to get official responses."

Steinem, an iconic figure in the international women's rights movement, said she wants Gen. Curtis Scaparrotti, the commanding officer of U.S. Forces, Korea and the U.N. Command, to step in and provide security assurances for Korean officials on both sides of the DMZ so that the crossing can go through Panmunjom.

"We appeal to Gen. Curtis Scaparrotti as head of country to cross the DMZ.

the United Nations Command with jurisdiction over the Joint Security Area to cooperate with our request to cross at Panmunjom," Steinem said. "This Orwellian experience we are having is yet one more demonstration of how insane, and wasteful and cruel and outdated this boundary is."

North and South rea have technically been in a state of conflict since the 1950-53 Korean War ended in an armistice, not a peace treaty. Their border along the DMZ is one of the most heavily fortified in the world. There is little direct contact between the two Koreas and, with few exceptions, it is considered a crime for citizens of either

Colombia: Drug plane from Venezuela crashes off coast

ela with more than a ton of cocaine on board has crashed into the Caribbean while being pursued by Colombia's air force.

Video released by the air force shows how fighter jets intercepted the Hawker 800 aircraft after it en-

A small plane from Venezu- Wednesday and ordered it known, was found among to descend.

After the pilot moved to escape, one of the plane's motors apparently failed and the aircraft crashed off the coast of Puerto Colombia.

Colombia's coast guard says the body of the pilot,

BOGOTA, Colombia (AP)— tered Colombia's air space whose nationality was unthe wreckage along with 1.2 metric tons of cocaine. Venezuela has become a key transit country for narcotics. Much of the cocaine moves north to Central America on a doglegged path to avoid entering Colombian airspace.





Cruise ship freed from reef off Bermuda departs for Boston

DANICA COTO Associated Press SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico

(AP) — A cruise ship that ran aground on a reef near Bermuda departed for Boston on Wednesday after repairs were made to its steering system, officials said.

Norwegian Dawn carrying nearly 3,500 passengers and crew hit the reef late Tuesday and was stuck for more than six hours before a rising tide helped push it into deeper water.

Norwegian Cruise Line said a temporary malfunction in the steering system had forced it off course as the ship departed Bermuda, where it had spent three days in port as part of a seven-day roundtrip to the island.

company said Wednesday a team of experts had inspected the ship and found it safe to operate. It was expected to reach Boston on Friday and be ready to make its

scheduled departure later that day for a return to Bermuda, the company said. "We sincerely apologize for the inconvenience and greatly appreciate our guests' understanding," a company statement said. The ship's 2,443 passengers will receive a 15 percent credit for a future cruise.

Rachel Hansen, a passenger from Londonderry, New Hampshire, said the ship was about 3 miles from Bermuda when it ran aground.

"We definitely felt it," she told The Associated Press by telephone. "We were in the middle of eating dinner. ... There was a shudder for maybe 30 seconds to a minute and then there was a sudden stop." Passengers were allowed to disembark during the delay, but were asked to stay close to the ship, said Mitchell Walker, a 33-yearold passenger from New York state.

"It's been a bit inconve-

nient, but not the worst thing that could have happened," he said. "There are worse places you could be shipwrecked." The problem with the Norwegian Dawn forced another cruise ship, the Norwegian Breakaway, to drop anchor offshore when it reached Bermuda on Wednesday. Passengers, however, still were able to enjoy the island, with ferries brought in to carry them ashore, the

government said.

Colombians celebrate baby's miracle survival from mudslide

CESAR GARCIA Associated Press BOGOTA, Colombia (AP)

 Colombians are celebrating the rescue of an 11-month-old baby who survived a huge mudslide that killed at least 78 people, including the child's mother and 11 other relatives, but officials held out no hope Wednesday for finding more survivors.

Jhosep Diaz was found buried face-down in the mud Monday, more than a mile (almost 2 kilometer) from where he had been sleeping when a flash flood swept away dozens of homes before dawn in the mountain town of Salgar.

The doctor who first treated him said he was very cold and nearing hypothermia, but appeared to have avoided greater damages because he was nestled in a padded crib when he was carried away by the current.

"He was unconscious and didn't open his little eves but was breathing," Dr.

Jesus Antonio Guisao told were stabilized, he was The Associated Press on Wednesday as details of

transferred to a hospital in Medellin. Doctors said erwise recovering well. The heart-warming tale of survival contrasted

quake.

Authorities told the AP there was no chance of finding any more survivors. even as a team of 300 rescuers continued to search home by home the neighborhoods ravaged by the mudslide. Between 50 and 80 people were believed missing, the Red Cross said. Among those killed were 12 of the baby's relatives, including his mother. Four other four family members were still missing but presumed dead, said Alvaro Hernandez, the boy's paternal grandfather.

Hernandez, who is expected to assume custody of the child in absence of the father, who was killed a year ago, told the AP that the boy and his 22-year-old mother lived in a nearby town but were visiting relatives in Salgar when the tragedy struck.

"Amid so much bad news concerning the death of 16 of our relatives, my grandson's survival is a miracle," Henandez told the AP.



An overflooded ravine cuts through Salgar, in Colombia's northwestern state of Antioquia. Colombians are celebrating the rescue of an 11-month-old baby who survived the huge mudslide that killed at least 78 people, including the child's mother and 11 other relatives. (AP Photo/Luis Benavides)

the baby's saga emerged on the front pages of Colombia's newspapers. After the baby's vital signs

Wednesday that the baby suffered multiple abrasions and light bruises as well as a broken rib, but was oththe still-emerging picture of devastation in Colombia's most-deadly natural disaster since a 1999 earth-

Exxon Mobil says oil discovery off Guyana is 'significant'

(AP) — Exxon Mobil Corp. confirmed Wednesday that it has made what it calls a "significant" oil discovery off Guyana in waters also claimed by Venezuela as part of a longrunning border dispute between the South American countries.

The company and Guyana's government had

Guyana said May 7 that the exploration was showing promise but provided no details. Exxon Mobil now says it is still working to determine the commercial viability of the find at a site within the 6.6 million-acre area known as the Stabroek Block but has reasons to be optimistic.

"I am encouraged by the results of the first well on the Stabroek Block," said Ste-

phen M. Greenlee, president of ExxonMobil Exploration Co.

The company says it encountered more than 295 feet (90 meters) of highquality oil-bearing sandstone reservoirs in the drilling site about 120 miles (193 kilometers) off Guyana. It said the well was safely drilled to 17,825 feet (5,433 meters) in 5,719 feet

(1,743 meters) of water. This would be the first significant oil discovery following decades of exploration within the territory of Guyana, a largely undeveloped country of about 800,000 people.

Venezuela has long claimed about two-thirds of Guyana's territory as well as the offshore area where Exxon Mobil began drilling in March.

In October 2013, the Venezuelan navy detained an oil research vessel operating under contract for U.S.based Anadarko Petroleum Corp. Guyana Foreign Minister Carolyn Rodrigues-Birkett said in March that her country would push ahead with exploration in the area despite protests by Venezuela.



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Loyal Visitors of Aruba Honored at the Marriott Ocean Club



PALM BEACH - Recently the Aruba Tourism Authority had the great pleasure of honoring a group of loyal and friendly visitors of Aruba at the Marriott Ocean Club, as Distinguished Visitors and Ambassadors of Goodwill. The symbolic honorary title is presented

in the name of the Minister of Tourism as a token of appreciation to guests who visit Aruba for 10-to-19 and 20-or-more consecutive years.

The honorees were Mr. Richard and Mrs. Judy Hemingway from Hull, Mass, and Mr. Frank and Mrs. Mau-

f the Minister reen Glynn from Quiney, Mass. The honorees are loyal guests of the Marriott Ocean Club and they love Aruba very much because of the friendly people, the climate, beaches, restaurants, and the multi-lingual experience! They say Aruba feels like a second



home, the employees at the Marriott are like a family to them and the Resort is their home away from home! The certificates were presented by Mr. Ernest Giel representing the Aruba Tourism Authority together with staff members and management of the Marriott Resort and Stellaris Casino.

Royal Academy of Dance Exams for Aruba's CDM Students

Movimiento (CDM) Aruba is proud to inform the community that upcoming weekend a total of 49 ballet students will be examined by the Royal Academy of Dance (RAD), England. This is the second year of examination for the CDM students. Exams will take place this week on Thursday May 21st, Friday May 22nd and Saturday May 23rd starting from the Primary Level (6 years old) up to Classical Ballet vocational level of Advanced Foundation (15 years and up, Pre-Professional level). The Royal Academy of Dance (RAD) exams are recognized worldwide.

They allow students to develop musicality and artistry, rewarding hard work and setting goals to which students can inspire. Creativity is at the heart of RAD syllabus. Rad exams let students explore movement and expression, building selfesteem and confidence, culminating in an examination as performance. If students plan to embark on a dance career, RAD exams are recognized measure of achievement and performance in the dance world. Candidates and their parents can rest assure of the quality of the examinations are taken very seriously. Only RAD teachers can enter candidates for the ex-

ams. The RAD teachers are highly trained professionals who develop their teaching through an annual program Continuing Professional Development (CPD). For the first time Club di Movimiento has entries for the Advance Foundation, Pre-Professional Classical Ballet vocational level that requires a very high level of technical dancing skills. There are a total of 5 Pre-Professional Classical Ballet vocational levels, and CDM is already working on the 3rd level, meaning that in 2 years from now CDM will complete the RAD Classical Ballet curriculum for all levels.





The Queen of South Korea:

Sarah-Quita Offringa makes a winning return as the Aruban gem prepares to tackle all 3 disciplines in 2015



By CHRIS YATES

ORANJESTAD - Sarah-Quita Offringa (Starboard / Neil-Pryde / Mystic / Maui Ultra Fins) made the perfect start to 2015 in South Korea as she clinched the opening victory of the year, in the women's slalom, by winning the fourth and final race to overhaul Lena Erdil (Patrik / Point-7 / Mystic / AL360). This will be the first year since 2011 that Offringa has been able to compete on the full PWA Slalom Women's World Tour after finishing her studies, and based on her opening performance she could well be on course to add to her current solo slalom world crown, which was also won in 2011. The Aruban gem has an incredibly busy year ahead as she'll be competing across all three disciplines - slalom, freestyle and wave. After making a winning start to the year we caught up with SQ for an interview, which you can read below:

your victory in Korea! How for me. I was actually most More in the sense that I am jibes makes her a force to was the event for you?

--SQ: "Korea was a really exciting event. Quite nerveracking actually. Looking back now was a hell of a fight. We only raced the last 2 days. This raises the stakes a lot because you will only have one chance to do well. No room for mistakes."

"Besides that Korea seems to be an obstacle course, with seaweed floating and gusts coming out of nowhere. Just very challenging conditions. So winning a race is that much more satisfying. We sailed mostly

Stay tuned guys!"

--PWA: When was the last time you competed in Korea? And how did you find it returning?

--SQ: "I've competed in Korea twice. 2010& 2011. Finishing 2nd and 3rd respectively. Coming back after it all again."

--PWA: You and Lena had a big battle together with Fulya... Did you feel like you were always in control of the battle or did you think it could've gone either way? --SQ: "Wow, this race felt like a battle of the titans! Yes I feel like it could have gone either way. That first race, Fulya blew us all away (maybe I should just speak for myself!). I saw her winning her qualifying race by quite a stretch, but I never imagined she'd come out all guns blazing like that in the first final. That's literally how I experienced it. I was sitting in 3rd place, with Lena in front and Fulya ahead of us both. And even though I was trying to focus on passing Lena, I couldn't help being fascinated by Fulya displaying her speed and talent on the course. In the next races again I was impressed by Lena's progress. She's faster and that combined

more motivated than ever to do well."

"As for me I felt really comfotable on my 7,8 and 110. As soon as the green flag goes up everything goes quite and all I can do is my best. I can't say I felt in control of the battle, because nobody is, there are too many factors to keep in account. All I focused on was having a good start, because really, that's half the work. I finished in top 3 in every race, so I guess being consistent here was key."

--PWA: This is the first year you'll be competing on the full slalom tour since starting your studies... Last time you did the whole tour you were crowned world champ - perfect start to 2015 so same goal again? --SQ: "Yes the first time since 2011. I couldn't have hoped for a better start. After having some trouble in New Caledonia last year, I'm really happy to have started the year like this. And yes, the goal is to reclaim that title. Of course that's the objective of the other girls as well. And I can tell you from my front row seat experience that it's going to be interesting. Having been away from the full tour made me realise that whatever happens, I am just really happy to be in the mix fighting for the top spot!"

--PWA: You'll be competing in all three disciplines this year... Which one is your favourite - 1) when free sailing and 2) competing (if they are different) and why?

--SQ: "Yes, I'll be competing in all disciplines again this year. I don't want to miss out on any of the fun! Every discipline gives their own specific rush."

"-For competition, slalom gives me the biggest rush by far.

--PWA: Firstly, congrats on on the big kit, 7,8 & 110, 4 years was quite special. with speedy exits of all her comfortable on this setup." grateful to be part of the be reckoned with. "I love the fact that it was so close between the top 3 girls and that anyone could have got the event win. All the girls have stepped up their game, really stepped up their game. So this year promises to be really interesting at the next events.

full tour again. I think Korea is one of the harder events on tour, but they organise it really well and everybody is so friendly. Even though we tend to have to wait for wind sometimes. Jinha beach always delivers. Like I said. I'm glad to be part of

"Delphine had quite some bad luck, but in the last race she showed that she has the speed and I'm sure she's going to be up there in the next races. Especially having a bad event for her standards, I think she'll be

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SPURIS ENDING



NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell speaks to reporters during the NFL's spring meetings in San Francisco, Wednesday, May 20, 2015. Associated Press

Goodell mentions Germany, Mexico for possible games

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AP Pro Football Writer
SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A

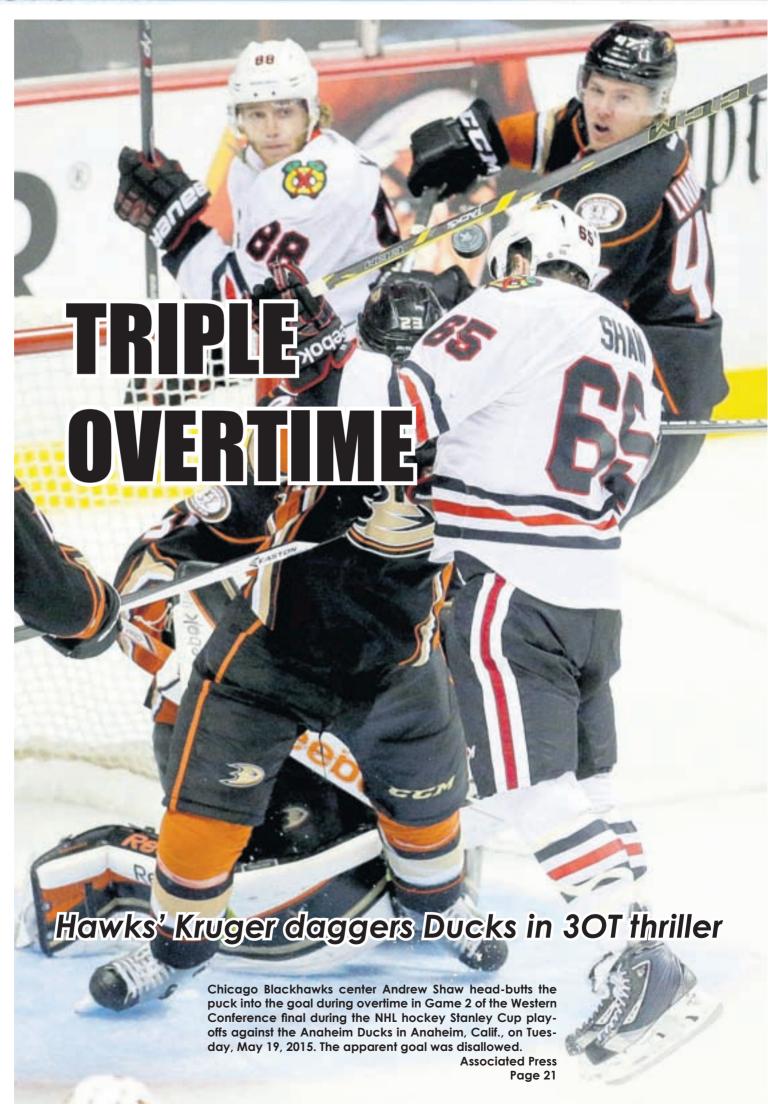
future regular-season NFL game in Mexico or Germany was discussed by NFL owners Wednesday.

Commissioner Roger Goodell said both countries have reached out about hosting games, and there is "renewed interest" among the owners. The league is intent on expanding its international series, and it will have three games in London this season for the second straight year. Arizona hosted San Francisco in Mexico City in 2005, drawing a record crowd of 103,467 for a regular-season game.

There have been five preseason matches played in Germany, none since 1994. Goodell also says Rio de Janeiro has shown interest in staging a Pro Bowl.

The commissioner cites the "passion for our game and taking it to another level" for the league pursuing more international matches. There is speculation that any game in Mexico would be played in Monterrey or Guadalajara, not Mexico City.

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Azteca is the biggest stadium in the country.

However, the iconic ballpark that has hosted two World Cups needs major renovations to bring it closer to the level of the newest stadiums in Mexico such as Omnilife in Guadalajara, or the new BBVA Stadium in Monterrey.

Monterrey hosted an NFL preseason game in 1996. But no one should rule out the capital city.

Last November, Mexico City secretary of economic development Salomón Chertorivski met with 49ers owner John York regarding the possibility of a game. That was the first public admission the NFL might return to Mexico.

In recent months, Mexico City's government has made strong efforts to attract major international events. Formula 1 will be coming back for the first time in 23 years, and last November the NBA held the second regular-season game in history in the country when the Timberwolves faced the Rockets. "We already have great events in Mexico City. We have Formula 1, the NBA, the UFC, we're trying to



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bring a NHL game also, and we are also looking to bring Major League Baseball," said Horacio De la De la Vega added they're Vega, the director of Mexico City's Sports Institute.

"We had a couple of visits from people from the NFL in Mexico City to check the stadiums. I think there will be

conversations with the NFL plus staff and their equipbecause we're focused in making this happen."

trying to sign a three-year deal with the NFL.

"There are many things to work out.

It's not the same locker room for 20 soccer players a third very soon; we held than one for 53 NFL ones, Olive thinks the major now."

ment. We need to be ready," said Arturo Olive, NFL Mexico*s director. "Azteca Stadium and Estadio Olimpico have the most capacity, and that gives them a slight edge. But so far, there's nothing ruled out."

events to be held in Mexico City also help with enticing the NFL to return.

"It plays a role," he said. "We're using these events as an example to give them certainty that when they decide to come back, we are ready and holding world class events right

Roger Bannister's 4-minute mile shoes to go on auction block

STEPHEN WILSON AP Sports Writer

LONDON (AP) — The running shoes used to set one of the greatest milestones in sports history are going up for sale.

The lightweight leather spikes worn by Roger Bannister when he broke the 4-minute mile in 1954 will go on the block on Sept. 10 in London at Christie's auction house.

Christie's said Wednesday the shoes are expected to fetch between 30,000 ed in 1975, (\$47,000) and 50,000 pounds (\$78,000).

The shoes, made by GT Law and Son, had long, thin spikes and weighed 41/2 ounces, much lighter than other shoes at the time.

"They served me great purpose," Bannister said in the

Christie's announcement. "I'm grateful to them. I think it's the right time to part with them."

Bannister, a young medical student at the time, became the first runner to break the fabled 4-minute barrier when he clocked 3 minutes, 59.4 seconds on May 6, 1954,

at the Iffley Road Track in Oxford. It was a record that many had thought humanly impossible at the time. Bannister, who was knight-

is now 86 and lives in Oxford with his wife, Moyra. He is coping with the effects of Parkinson's.

The shoes will be offered for sale along with a "letter of provenance" signed by Bannister and a letter written to him prior to the race



to run a sub 4 minute mile, on display during a media viewing at Christie's auction house in London, Wednesday, May 20, 2015. **Associated Press**

denoting "the lightness" of the shoes.

"I could see there was an advantage in having the shoes as light as possible,"

Bannister said. "The leather is extremely thin and the spikes are unusually thin, as I used a grindstone to make them even thinner. These shoes are the last tangible link I have with the 4-minute mile."

On the morning of the race, Bannister sharpened his spikes on a grindstone in the laboratory at St. Mary's Hospital in London, where he was studying.

Bannister's trophies are on display at Oxford's Pembroke College, where he served as master.

Bannister said he plans to donate part of the proceeds from the auction to the Autonomic Charitable Trust, which encourages neurological research. He devoted most of his medical career to the study of neurological conditions.

"Other worthwhile causes in which I have an interest will also benefit," Bannister



NBA Roundup

Warriors rally past **Rockets 110-106 in** Game 1 of West finals

By ANTONIO GONZALEZ **AP Basketball Writer** OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) --Down big at home, the Golden State Warriors went small.

It turned out to make a huge difference.

Stephen Curry hit two free throws in the final seconds to finish with 34 points, and the Warriors rallied from a 16-point deficit in the second quarter to beat the Houston Rockets 110-106 on Tuesday night in Game 1 of the Western Conference finals.

With the Rockets seemingly ready to rout the home team, the Warriors used a smaller lineup featuring 6-foot-7 Draymond Green at center and closed the first half on a 21-4 run. Shaun Livingston scored 14 of his 18 points in the quarter, helping Golden State go ahead 58-55 at halftime.

The Warriors held off James Harden and Houston in the fourth quarter again behind their undersized lineup, which worked especially well after Rockets center Dwight Howard departed with a left knee injury.

out," Warriors coach Steve Kerr said of his lineup full of shooters. "Houston does the same thing. It was an interesting chess match, because they like to go small and we like to go small."

Harden, the runner-up to Curry in the MVP voting, nearly brought the Rockets back without Howard in the fourth. Harden finished with 28 points, 11 rebounds, nine assists and four steals,

but his late push fell short.

"You can't give a really good shooting team easy layups and confidence," said Harden, who shot 11 of 20 from the field. "That's what we did in the second quarter."

Game 2 is Thursday night in Oakland, and it's unclear if Howard can play. Howard doesn't think the injury will sideline him for the series.

"Hopefully Dwight healthy and we can play big," Rockets coach Kevin McHale said. "We didn't have that option with Dwight out."

Harden, serenaded with chants of "Over-rated!" from Warriors fans, mixed in a series of step-back jumpers and driving layups to help Houston even the score at 95-all midway through the fourth.

But the Warriors shut down Houston for long stretches, and Curry kept hitting shots to match Harden's brilliance. Curry connected on a 3-pointer and converted a layup to put Golden State up 108-97 with 2:01 remaining.

"It's entertaining basketball. We're both supposed "It really stretches people to help our team win and do what we can to impact the game," said Curry, whose 2-year-old daughter Riley, playfully interrupted him during his postgame news conference.

The Rockets never relented, though, with Trevor Ariza making a 3-pointer that trimmed the Warriors' lead to 108-106 with 14.6 seconds to play.

Curry twice caught the inbounds pass, and the



Golden State Warriors guard Stephen Curry (30) shoots against Houston Rockets forward Josh Smith (5) during the second half of Game 1 of the NBA basketball Western Conference finals in Oakland, Calif., Tuesday, May 19, 2015.

Associated Press

Rockets were forced to foul him both times. He hit both free throws to seal Golden State's win.

necessarily small. We have Rockets. auvs out there that can guard multiple positions," said. "From Livingston there, it's just feeding off our crowd."

Curry added six rebounds and five assists, and Green had 13 points, 12 rebounds and eight assists to boost

the Warriors when they needed it most.

Ariza scored 20 points and Josh Smith had 17 points "When we go small, it's not and seven rebounds for the

> In the conference finals for the first time since 1976, the Warriors hardly looked like the league's top-seeded team at the outset. Instead, the Rockets rode the momentum from a stunning 3-1 series comeback against the Los Angeles

Clippers that ended with a Game 7 win in Houston on Sunday.

The only setback to Houston's hot start came when Howard briefly left in the first quarter after colliding with Smith. Howard returned after a few minutes, and the Rockets raced out to a 49-33 lead midway through the second quarter that left the home fans stunned and silent.

That didn't last long.



Zimmerman's HR off Miller in 10th leads Nats past Yanks

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Ryan Zimmerman's two-run shot with two outs in the 10th inning off Yankees closer Andrew Miller, who hadn't allowed a run this season, lifted the Washington Nationals to an 8-6 comeback victory over AL East-leading New York on Tuesday night. Zimmerman's fifth homer this season — and 10th game-ending homer of his career — made a winner of Matt Grace (2-0), who threw the 10th.

Miller (0-1) had converted his first 13 save chances of 2015. Bryce Harper hit one of Washington's three solo shots, giving him an NLhigh 15 homers this season. The Nationals have won three games in a row and improved to 13-4 in May. The Yankees, meanwhile, have lost six of their last seven games.

GIANTS 2, DODGERS 0

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) -Buster Posey drove in a run, Tim Hudson allowed five hits over 6 1-3 innings and San Francisco won its fourth straight.

Joe Panik and Angel Pagan had two hits each for the Giants, who have won 11 of their past 14 home games. Alex Guerrero had two hits for the Dodgers, who have lost four of six overall and five of seven to the Giants.

Hudson (2-3) did not allow



Washington Nationals' Ryan Zimmerman (11) watches his two-run walk-off home run during the 10th inning of an interleague baseball game against the New York Yankees at Nationals Park, Tuesday, May 19, 2015, in Washington. The Nationals won 8-6 in 10 innings.

Associated Press

a run for the first time since his first start of the season on April 9. He walked two and struck out two.

Carlos Frias (3-1) retired the first two batters of the third inning before consecutive singles from Panik, Pagan and Posey, who has an 11game hitting streak, produced a run.

Sergio Romo, the Giants' fourth pitcher of the seventh inning, retired Howie Kendrick on a comebacker with the bases loaded to

CARDINALS 10, METS 2

NEW YORK (AP) — Randal Grichuk had three extra base hits and drove in three runs a night after striking out five times, Mark Reynolds homered among his three hits and St. Louis teed off on New York starter Jonathon Niese a victory.

Michael Wacha (6-0) gave

up a two-run homer to Daniel Murphy in seven innings of four-hit ball to join the Mets' Bartolo Colon and Seattle's Felix Hernandez for most wins in the majors. The six wins are a career-high for the 23-yearold right-hander.

Cardinals manager Matheny loaded his lineup with right-handers to face the lefty Niese, leaving Jason Heyward, Matt Carpenter and Matt Adams on the bench.

ROYALS 3. REDS 0

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Yordano Ventura, Kelvin Herrera and Wade Davis combined on a four-hitter for Kansas City.

The Royals, who beat the New York Yankees 6-0 on Sunday, logged consecutive shutouts for the first time since Sept. 29-30, 1992, when Dennis Rasmussen and Rick Reed blanked the California Angels.

Ventura (3-3), who was 0-3 in his five previous starts since a victory on April 12, allowed four singles, struck out six and walked none. He reached a three-ball count on only four hitters and retired all of them, lowering his ERA to 4.56.

Herrera gave up a walk in the eighth, but nothing else. Davis worked a spotless ninth, claiming his seventh save in as many opportunities.

Mike Moustakas went 3 for 4 with two doubles and drove in two runs.

PADRES 4, CUBS 3

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Derek Norris hit a two-run double with one out in the eighth and James Shields struck out 11 in seven innings to lead San Diego to a victory against Chicago.

The Padres snapped a three-game losing streak in which they scored only six runs.



In this Jan. 10, 2015, file photo, Detroit Red Wings head coach Mike Babcock talks with an official in the second period of an NHL hockey game against the Washington Capitals in Washington.

JOHN WAWROW AP Hockey Writer

Mike Babcock is switching one Original 6 NHL franchise for another after

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being hired to coach the Toronto Maple Leafs on Wednesday.

The Maple Leafs announced the hiring to put keep the shutout intact.

Toronto Maple Leafs hire Mike Babcock as new head coach

ulation about Babcock's future with the Detroit Red Wings, where he spent the past 10 seasons and won a Stanley Cup in 2008.

Babcock will be introduced at a news conference scheduled for Thursday. Though Babcock was unthrough June 30,

their coach permission to speak to other teams on

By hiring Babcock, the Leafs must send a thirdround pick to Detroit as compensation.

to an end months of spec- In selecting Toronto, Babcock leaves a Red Wings franchise that had reached the playoffs for an NHLleading 24 consecutive seasons to a team that has competitively. struggled Toronto missed the playoffs last season for the ninth time in 10 years.

der contract with Detroit The Maple Leafs have also not won a Stanley Cup basis by the Red Wings granted since 1967, a season before Horachek. the NHL expanded from its Babcock's decision comes original six franchises. The Red Wings, by comparison, have won the championship four times since 1997.

The 52-year-old also coached Canada to Olympic gold medals in 2010 and '14.

He brings stability and a high-profile face to a franchise that is on its fourth full-time coach since Paul Maurice took over in 2006. The Maple Leafs had a vacancy after Randy Carlyle was fired in January, and replaced on an interim

as a slight surprise, given that he indicated last week that he hated losing and wanted to be part of a team that had an opportunity to win immediately.

Kruger puts Blackhawks past Ducks 3-2 in 3rd OT of Game 2

By GREG BEACHAM
AP Hockey Writer0
ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) -The Blackhawks tried just
about everything to get a
puck past Frederik Ander-

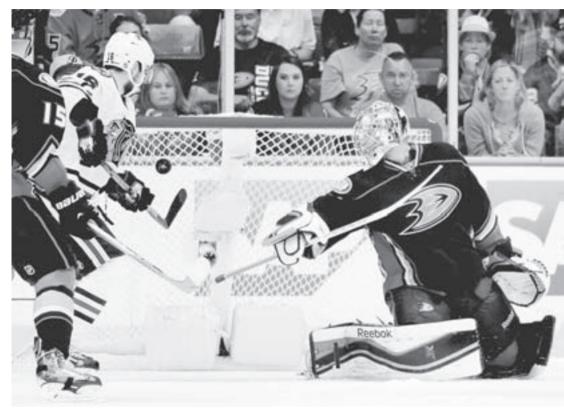
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til Kruger got in front and forced a ricochet past Andersen, who made a career-high 53 saves.

The Blackhawks celebrated with more relief than excitement, realizing they erately knocking the puck into the net with anything except their sticks.

"It was just a reaction right there," Shaw said. "You do whatever you can to get that puck across the Anaheim hadn't played a game with multiple overtimes since May 3, 2009, while Chicago won two multiple-overtime games in the first round against Nashville. The game was the second-longest in Ducks history, trailing only a five-overtime game at Dallas in 2003.

Two days after Anaheim comfortably won the series opener to improve to 6-0 at Honda Center in the postseason, Kruger's fortunate goal ended a nailbiting rematch. "You just try to limit the mistakes as much as possible." Coaliano said. "You're drained. I think both game plans on both teams get a little lax, because you're out there for so long. Physically it's tough. Guys cramp. You're out there for so long, going through so many hits, and the game is so fastpaced, especially against this team. It's a tough pill to swallow right now, but you've just got to get over it. We've got to recover."



Chicago Blackhawks center Marcus Kruger, left, scores past Anaheim Ducks goalie Frederik Andersen during the third overtime period in Game 2 of the Western Conference final during the NHL hockey Stanley Cup playoffs in Anaheim, Calif., on Tuesday, May 19, 2015.

Associated Press

Western Conference finals wound through three over-time periods and deep into the night, eventually becoming the longest game in Chicago's 89-year history. Andrew Shaw even headed the puck into the net - which was amazing, but illegal.

After nearly 110 consecutive scoreless minutes by Chicago, Marcus Kruger got it done with plain old work in front of the net, ending a landmark game and evening a series that's already the endurance test everyone expected.

test everyone expected. Kruger batted home Brent Seabrook's shot 16:12 into the third OT, and the Blackhawks earned a 3-2 victory over the Anaheim Ducks in Game 2 on Tuesday night. "I got lucky," Kruger said. "Happy to see that go in." Shaw and Marian Hossa scored power-play goals in the opening minutes, but Chicago couldn't score again in the longest game in Honda Center history un-

only had about 42 hours until the puck drops for Game 3 in Chicago on Thursday.

"I just hope we don't have any more like that," Shaw said. "I think this helps us, and showed us what can happen if we keep sticking to it and competing. We'll find a way to win."

Corey Crawford made 60 saves as the Blackhawks finally handed the Ducks their second loss of the postseason.

The game was the 17thlongest in NHL history, and the longest since Dallas and San Jose went four overtimes on May 4, 2008. Shaw attempted to end it during a power play 8:47 into the second overtime by knocking a high-arching rebound of Patrick Kane's shot into the net with his helmet in a stunning soccer-style play, but the goal was illegal. The officials briefly conferred before waving it off - NHL rules prohibit players from delib-

line. But we just kept working and competing, and we got lucky. ... Overtime goals are huge, so I tried to sell it as much as I could. It was just exciting, the reaction at the net. I was just out there using my head, I guess." Corey Perry tied it late in the second period for the Ducks, who dropped to 9-2 in the postseason with their first home loss in seven games, missing numerous chances to end it. Andrew Cogliano also scored for Anaheim, which was shut out over the final 78:42.

"There were a few posts, a few crossbars," Perry said. "It's a tough one to swallow, but you get right back at it, put it behind you and get ready for the next one." These Western powers came into the series with ample rest after easily winning their secondround series, but they used up much of that extra energy in a marathon Game 2.



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Drivers set to ask fans how to make Formula 1 more exciting

JEROME PUGMIRE AP Sports Writer

MONACO (AP) — Formula One drivers will ask fans for their views on how to improve the sport as part of an increased effort to make racing more exciting. The initiative will be officially presented on Thursday at the Monaco Grand Prix by the Grand Prix Drivers Association, a group which includes four-time F1 champion Sebastian Vettel, former champion Jenson Button and retired F1 racer Alex Wurz.

In a statement Wednesday, the GPDA said it would be "the most extensive, in-depth survey of fan opinion ever undertaken by any sport in the world." Slower races, less noise and a lack of overtaking are among the current problems affecting viewers' enjoyment of the sport. "The fans are very important, their opinions, and that's exactly why the GPDA has a global fan survey," Button said Wednesday at a pre-race news conference. "It's massively important because we wouldn't be here if it wasn't for the fans."

The Spanish GP two weeks



Mercedes driver Lewis Hamilton of Britain, left, and McLaren driver Jenson Button of Britain, smile each other, during an official press conference prior the Formula One Grand Prix, at the Monaco racetrack, in Monaco, Wednesday, May 20, 2015.

Associated Press

ago highlighted some of than other sports such as driver Nico Rosberg won almost unchallenged from pole position, and Vettel who drives for rival Ferrari him in third place.

the problems: Mercedes Moto GP racing and the world endurance championship, where fans have areater access to riders and drivers. Although F1 crossed 45 seconds behind interest remains high in Britain — with Hamilton chas-F1 also is also viewed as be- ing a third title — television ing less welcoming to fans audiences have flagged elsewhere. Button, who has competed in 273 races and won the world title in 2009, says the sport is less exciting now.

"The best year that I raced in Formula One, the most fun from a driver's point of view, was 2004," he said. "We had V10 engines,

three liter, 900hp, they revved to 21,000rpm, we had a tire war. It was great, but times change."

Last week, F1's strategy group -- consisting of Ferrari and Mercedes, governing body FIA, and F1 boss Bernie Ecclestone --agreed on new measures for 2017 such as refueling, more aggressive-looking cars, louder engines, and faster lap times.

Refueling, in order to maintain a maximum race fuel allowance, was ditched five years ago. Despite major advances in technology, lap times have dropped as drivers prioritize tire management over driving at full throttle. In order to increase the speed, cars will improve their aerodynamics with wider tires and less car weight, which the FIA hopes will lead to laps being "five to six seconds" quicker.

All changes still need approval by the F1 commission and the FIA's World Motor Sport Council before becoming official.

It is uncertain whether the FIA will take the GP-DA's survey into consideration once the results are known.

Zakarin wins 11th stage; Contador keeps Giro lead

IMOLA, Italy (AP) — Russian 153-kilometer (95-mile) leg day and the cuts on my rider Ilnur Zakarin won the rainy 11th stage of the Giro d'Italia on Wednesday, and Alberto Contador retained the pink jersey.

Zakarin, who recently won the Tour de Romandie, got in an early breakaway then launched a solo attack with 25 kilometers (15 miles)

"I started this morning with the right spirit and the breakaway worked well," the Katusha rider said. "I tried to attack once then the second time worked. ... I still can't believe I won the Tour de Romandie and now I've won a stage in the Giro. I'm feeling a lot of emotions."

Zakarin finished in less than sprint of Stage 6. four hours over the hilly

from Forli to Imola, which ended on the Enzo and Dino Ferrari racing car circuit that formerly hosted the San Marino Grand Prix. Carlos Betancur of Colombia won a sprint for second, crossing 53 seconds behind, and Franco Pellizotti of Italy was third with the same time. Both were also part of the breakaway.

Contador surged in front on continued. the final climb of the day, apparently to approach the ensuing slippery descent in the lead. He remained three seconds ahead of Italian rider Fabio Aru in the overall standings. Contador dislocated his shoulder in a fall on the final

"I'm feeling better every

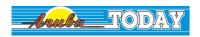
legs are improving," said the Spaniard, who rides for Tinkoff-Saxo. "It might seem simple but there's a ton of road left."

Rigoberto Uran, the Colombian who finished second overall in the last two years, fell with about 15 kilometers (10 miles) to go, tearing his jersey on the left shoulder. He changed bikes and

Meanwhile, overall contender Richie Porte was penalized two minutes in the general classification late Wednesday after it was revealed that a member of another team, Simon Clarke, helped him after a tire puncture by giving him a wheel during the 10th stage.



Russian rider Ilnur Zakarin celebrates as he crosses the finish line to win the 11th stage of the Giro D'Italia, Tour of Italy cycling race, from Forli' to Imola, Italy, Wednesday, May 20, 2015. **Associated Press**



Review: Curves and 'self-healing' in super-premium phones

ANICK JESDANUN AP Technology Writer **NEW YORK (AP)** — For those not satisfied with just a premium phone, Samsung and LG are offering two

models best described as the Lamborghinis of smartphones.

You're already getting a lot with flagship phones from those two companies. For about \$100 more, you can get a super-charged experience. Not everyone's going to want or need this, but here's what you get:

> In this April 10, 2015 file photo, a salesperson demonstrates the new Samsung Galaxy S6 Edge smartphone at a Best Buy electronics store in San Francisco.

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SAMSUNG GALAXY S6 **EDGE**

The regular Galaxy S6 offers a rich experience: a highresolution screen with vivid colors, a fingerprint ID sensor to replace passcodes, a heart-rate sensor to track fitness and Samsuna's best smartphone camera yet.

The Edge version offers all that plus a screen that curves around the left and right edges. The phone looks and feels nicer as a result, and the side display offers these capabilities:

- When it's facedown during meetings, the phone will light up on the side when a call or message comes in. You can assign your top five contacts different colors — everyone else gets white — so you can gauge whether to interrupt a meeting.

— If the call isn't urgent, you can tap on the heartrate sensor to send the call to voicemail. A text message is also sent to let the caller know you're busy.

— The side edge can also display headlines and other information, but mostly limited to Yahoo and Twitter. During evening hours, the side display can turn into a nightstand clock.

The Edge's battery capacity is slightly higher than the regular \$6's, but the extra price you pay is mostly for a better look. Depending on the carrier, the Edge costs \$700 to \$815 in the





In this Jan. 4, 2015 file photo, a man photographs the LG G Flex 2 during a media preview before CES International in Las

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U.S. without a contract. By contrast, the regular S6 costs \$600 to \$685.

LG G FLEX2

The G Flex2 is curved, too — but not around the sides to offer notification lights and information. Rather, the whole phone is slightly curved inward from top to bottom, as though you've gently bent it. That's supposed to give it a better fit around your head when making calls, similar to those old flip phones or landline handsets. Of course, many people don't use phones for calls anymore, so that's not going to appeal to everyone.

The curvature also prom-

ises more immersive viewing, especially for video, though I found text meant for flat screens occasionally distorted when curved. So forget about the flex in the name. The more impressive feature is LG's "self-healing" technology. Keys and other sharp obiects will inevitably scratch phones.

The Flex2's back has tiny bubbles that burst open when scratched to fill in those scratches like paint. Deeper scratches didn't disappear completely in my testing, but this technology does a good job of making the phone look and feel smooth after such abuse.

You can ditch those bulky protective cases, though self-healing doesn't mean full protection. The screen itself is still prone to scratches and cracks, as with any other phone, though LG says a special chemical layer makes the screen more durable.

Coming soon is an update to LG's flagship phone, G4. The screen is slightly curved, too, but not as extensively as the Flex2. It won't have the self-healing technology, though, as LG is using materials — leather, metal or ceramic — that won't be as prone to scratches. The G4 will also have a better camera than its predecessors, including the Flex2. The G Flex costs \$504 through Sprint and \$709 through AT&T.

Prices for the G4 haven't been announced yet, but high-end phones typically go for \$600 to \$650. The leather version might even cost more. If you're with Sprint, you're likely getting a great deal with a superpremium model.

The regular S6 and G4 models will be fine for most people. The extra features are neat, but not essential. Better to spend the extra money on more memory to store photos and video taken with the improved cameras.

UN virtual reality film highlights plight of **Syrian** refugees

YOUKYUNG LEE **AP Technology Writer** SEOUL, South Korea (AP) —

The United Nations is using virtual reality technology to help the public experience what it is like to live in a Syrian refugee camp, showing how the latest technology can be adapted for humanitarian efforts.

"Clouds Over Sidra" is a short documentary film following a day in the life of a 12-year-old Syrian girl living in a refugee camp in Syria's neighbor Jordan.

Using special VR headsets, viewers feel like they are transported inside the Zaatari refugee camp that has been the 12-year-old's home for the past one and a half years. In a scene in which children stream into a makeshift school, the technology makes the viewer feel like they could reach out and interact with the smiling children who seem to be approaching to greet.

The Syrian conflict is in its fifth year and has triggered an exodus of nearly 4 million people. UNICEF, the U.N. children's agency, says 2 million of the refugees are children. The movie was shot with technology that is also increasingly used in the game industry.

VR headsets are not widely available to consumers but companies such as Samsung, Sony and Facebook are trying to make their use more mainstream.

UN project manager Kristin Gutekunst said Tuesday the virtual reality documentary helps people identify with the plight of refugees.

This week, the movie was shown to education ministers from around the world on the sidelines of the World Education Forum held in Incheon, South Korea.



Lowe's 1Q profit up on sales growth, but still disappoints

MOORESVILLE, N.C. (AP) Lowe's sales and profit rose in the first quarter as the housing market began to thaw, but the performance was far from what Wall Street had expected and shares slid 4 percent Wednesday.

The performance was a stark contrast to that of

its rival, Home Depot Inc., which beat almost all projections Tuesday and raised its outlook for the year.

Investor hopes may have been buoyed even further this week after the U.S. released data that appeared to reveal a housing market on the cusp of a boom. According to the Commerce

Department, housing starts last month increased to a pace that has not been seen since the start of the recession.

That growth did not lift sales as much as had been hoped at Lowe's Cos., and a number of analysts pointed to the locations of its stores as one of the culprits. Industry watchers say Home Depot has capitalized on its strong presence in states that have had a strong rebound in housing, places like California and Nevada.

"We continue to believe they are regularly hit by less than ideal real estate they built" after 2003-2004, said David Strasser of Janney Capital Markets.

For the three months ended May 1, Lowe's earned \$673 million, or 70 cents per share. While better than the \$624 million, or 61 cents per share, a year earlier, it was far from the per-share earninas of 74 cents that industry analysts were projecting.

Stocks barely move in yet another listless day for markets

BERNARD CONDON AP Business Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — The stock market showed little life on Wednesday as it closed yet another trading day barely changed from the day before.

Major indexes flitted between tiny gains and losses in the morning, rallied a bit after the Federal Reserve released minutes from its last meeting, then petered out toward the close. The Standard and Poor's 500 ended lower, but barely — down just 0.09 percent.

It was the fourth day in a row that the index moved less than one-half of one percentage point.

"There's no real reason to rally and no real reason to decline," said Matthew Tuttle, CEO of money manager Tuttle Tactical Management. "It's been really boring."

The S&P 500 closed down 1.98 points to 2,125.85. The Dow Jones industrial average slipped 26.99 points, or 0.2 percent, to 18,285.40. The Nasdaq composite rose 1.71 points, less than 0.1 percent, to 5,071.74.

Stocks fell from the opening of trading as investors weighed the latest batch of earnings reports for the first quarter. Etsy plunged 18 percent after its first earnings report as a publicly traded company showed a hefty quarterly loss. Stock in the ecommerce retailer of crafts dropped \$3.80 to \$17.20.

With most companies out with their results, earnings per share for S&P 500 stocks are expected to have risen 3 percent from a year ago, according to S&P Capital IQ, a data provider. That is better than the drop that financial analysts had been predicted in early March, but still low by recent standards.

More worrisome for markets, analysts have been slashing their forecasts for future quarters, too. At the beginning of 2015, they were expecting a 7 percent jump in S&P 500 earnings for the full year. Now they expect an increase of less than 1 percent.

The tiny move down for the Dow on Wednesday came after four straight gains.

Ernie Cecilia, chief investment officer of Bryn Mawr Trust, said investors have feared missing out on a sixyear bull market that never



Mark Muller, right, works with fellow traders on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange. The stock market showed little life on Wednesday as it closed yet another trading day barely (AP Photo/Richard Drew) changed from the day before.

seems to falter.

"Even in the brief sell-offs, it seems investors and money managers are buying on weakness," he said.

The minutes of the Fed's meeting from April showed that policymakers at the central bank generally thought June was too early to raise rates. Stocks have been propelled higher in part by easy money poli-

cies at central banks. A rate increase would be the first since the global financial crisis.

Among stocks making

— Staples fell 26 cents, or 1.6 percent, to \$16.15 after reporting a sharp drop in firstquarter earnings.

 Lowe's sank 4.6 percent on earnings and revenue that fell short of what analysts were looking for. Stock of the home-improvement retailer fell \$3.33 to \$68.50. In Europe, France's CAC 40 rose 0.3 percent and Britain's FTSE 100 was up 0.2 percent. Germany's DAX was flat. The price of oil rose for the first time in a week after the Energy Department reported a surprisingly large drop in supplies of both crude oil and fuels.

Shares in Chinese solar maker Hanergy plunge on data

BEIJING (AP) — The share price of a leading Chinese manufacturer of solar panels plunged by almost half Wednesday and a second company warned it might face trouble paying its debts.

Shares in Hanergy Thin Film Power Group Ltd., a unit of Beijing-based Hanergy Holding Group, fell 47 percent on the Hong Kong stock exchange. Trading was halted and the company made no immediate public comment on the possible reason for the

hydro power, had been a success story in a Chinese solar industry battered by price-cutting wars and financial problems. Its share price had more than doubled since February, prompting concern it might be rising too fast.

Hanergy's rise made its founder, Li Hejun, one of China's richest entrepreneurs with a net worth estifortune might be reduced by Wednesday's collapse in the share price of the Hong Kong-traded unit.

Li founded the company in 1994 to build hydropower projects and later shifted emphasis in 2009 to solar power. It acquired Ger-

many's Solibro and California's MiaSole in 2012 and said it wanted to become a leader in "thin-film" so-Hanergy, which also has mated at \$20 billion. It was lar panels that can be investments in wind and unclear how much that used as tinted windows on buildings or integrated into building materials for use on rooftops.

> Also this week, a second solar panel maker, Yingli Green Energy Holding Co., said in a filing with U.S. securities regulators that its high debt level might have

"significant consequences" for its operations. It said it could not assure investors it would generate adequate cash flow to pay its debts. Yingli issued a separate statement later saying that comment had been misinterpreted in some news coverage. The company's chairman and CEO, Migo Lianshena, said in the statement it should be able to meet its repayment obligations.





Fed minutes indicate a June rate hike unlikely

M. CRUTSINGER **AP Economics Writer** WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal Reserve policymakers largely agreed when they met last month that it would be too early to start raising interest rates in June, as they debated whether the economy's

winter weakness would

fade or persist.

While "a few" Fed officials believed that the U.S. economy would be ready to raise rates in June, they were outnumbered by "many" Fed officials who viewed it as "unlikely" that the economic data would be strong enough to justify a hike next month.

The divergent views were revealed Wednesday in the minutes of the central bank's discussions at their April 28-29 meeting. The Fed has kept its key rate near zero since December 2008.

Many economists at the beginning of the year pegged June as the most likely date for the first rate hike.

But private analysts have now pushed that liftoff date to September or even later given unexpected weakness at the start of this year.

"The Fed is still in waitand-see mode," said Paul Ashworth, chief U.S. economist at Capital Economics.

While rates may not rise as much or as quickly this year as he had initially forecast, Ashworth said he still believes that rising wages and higher inflation will push the Fed to move more aggressively next year.

The Fed reiterated that the decision to raise rates will be based on data and considered on a meetingby-meeting basis. It is unlikely to issue a separate notice when a rate hike is imminent. Policymakers said the public could instead look to its description of the economy in its regular post-meeting statements for clues on the likely timing of a rate

hike, according to the minutes.

Financial markets took the Fed minutes in stride, although a brief afternoon rally faded leaving the major indexes mixed. The Dow Jones industrial average finished the day down 27 points at 18,285, while the Nasdaq composite index was up slight-

The minutes showed that Fed officials are concerned about market reaction once they do start raising rates, especially as bond price "volatility may be greater than it had been in the past." Some officials worried about triggering a sharp rise in bond rates, similar to the spike that occurred in June 2013 when the Fed first discussed the possibility of trimming its monthly bond purchases.

The overall economy, as measured by the gross domestic product, grew at a meager rate of just 0.2 percent in the January-March quarter. The figure could well be revised by the government next week to show that the economy actually contracted during the

In its policy statement issued after the April meeting, the Fed blamed the deceleration on "transitory factors" such as severe winter weather and a now-resolved labor dispute at West Coast ports. But the minutes of the discussion show that officials debated just how temporary the slowdown might

It cited a number of officials who felt that the strong dollar's impact on exports or the effects of cheaper oil onbusiness investment "might be larger and longer-lasting than previously anticipated." Some officials also noted that lower energy prices have yet to fuel consumer spending, while others said the downside risks to growth had risen since the Fed's March meeting.

Target beating Wal-Mart in turnaround

A. D'INNOCENZIO **AP Retail Writer NEW YORK (AP)** — Target is beating Wal-Mart in the race to beef up sales. Target Corp. on Wednes-

day reported a nearly 52

nience.

Target, which caters to customers who have a little more money than Wal-Mart shoppers, aims to reinvent itself as a more nimble and innovative company

its customer service and have tidier stores. It's been vocal about its move to increase wages and training to make its hourly employees happier. It's hoping that happier employees



A passer-by walks near an entrance to a Target retail store in Watertown, Mass. Target Corp. reported quarterly financial results Wednesday, May 20, 2015.

(AP Photo/Steven Senne)

percent surge in its firstquarter profit on strong sales of more profitable items like fashion and baby products, evidence that its efforts to turn around its business are paying off. The results handily beat Wall Street expectations on

all fronts, and the Minneapolis-based retailer boosted the bottom end of its annual profit outlook. That's in contrast with rival Wal-Mart, which missed

Wall Street estimates with its earnings report a day earlier. It showed a 7 percent decline in first-quarter profit, dragged down by its recent moves to raise wages for hourly workers and increase spending in its online operations.

Both saw their third straight quarters of increases for a key sales measurement, but Target's pace was roughly double that of Wal-Mart. Both big-box retailers are trying to turn around their business after a long stretch of sluggish sales and traffic declines. They're dealing with a still-tough economy and shoppers who want to buy online or in smaller stores for conve-

and is trying to reclaim its reputation as a cheap chic retailer under CEO Brian Cornell.

Cornell and Wal-Mart's U.S. division CEO Greg Foran both took those jobs last

Under Cornell, Target pulled the plug on its money-losing expansion into Canada earlier this year so it could focus on its U.S. business, where it's made cost-cutting moves including eliminating 1,700 positions.

Target is also doubling down on a handful of areas like fashion, children's products and home furnishinas. It's also reimagining its arocerv area and wants to focus on organic, natural, gluten-free and locally produced food.

"The momentum we've seen so far makes us more confident than ever that we're moving in the right direction and encourages us to move even faster," Cornell told investors during a conference call Wednes-

Under Foran, Wal-Mart is seeking to bolster its position as the low-price leader. It also aims to beef up

will help improve customer service and thus lead to better sales.

Still, both Wal-Mart and Target acknowledge they're not getting much help from an improving economy or lower gas prices. Both Target and Wal-Mart executives said shoppers are using the extra money to pay down debt or save.

Target said it earned \$635 million, or 98 cents per share in the quarter ended May 2. That compares with \$418 million, or 66 cents per share a year earlier.

Revenue rose nearly 3 percent to \$17.1 billion. Revenue at store open at least year a year rose 2.3 per-

Target Chief Financial Officer Mulligan told reporters Target was able to pull back on discounts compared with a year ago, helping to boost profit margins. And Target's signature areas like fashion, baby products and health and wellness items had sales increases more than double the company average.

Online, sales surged nearly 38 percent for the quarter.

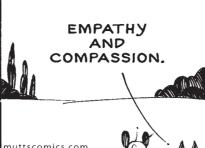
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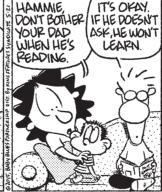


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Sarah-Quita Offringa

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The 4 minute build up to the start is insane, and once the flag goes it's an intense 4 minutes of all or nothing until the finish line."

"-After slalom I like waves as well for competition because you have quite a lot of time to perform. For me then I just get in the zone and enjoy the fact of having the waves virtually to myself. In waves every rider can express their creativity. I think it's really interesting to see how every rider creates and builds up their performance throughout the heat."

"-By now I love both freestyle and waves for free sailing. But the absolute freedom for me is on the freestyle board in conditions where you have both flat water and chop/ waves to launch yourself off of."

--PWA: You've been landing sick combos like spock-culos, what's next in the training diary for SQ?

--SQ: "Yes! Finally. I'm really driven right now to step up my freestyle game. I've landed spock-culo's and some pasko's. But I need to get consistent at them so I'm not sure I can showcase them at the next events.

But having improved this bit already for me is quite satisfying. That sense of control over your equipment is addictive. That's why I go out and try that same move over and over. I see how the guys are pushing the limits and it's really inspiring to me. I want to get to that level as well. I could already do some double sliding moves, but I'm moving towards the power move combo's now."

"I know for a fact that the other girls like Arrianne, Oda, Maaike and more are pushing as well and I'm secretly hoping there's some talented girls out there coming out of nowhere to surprise us all ;-). Look out Boys!"

--PWA: Plans before the next event?

--SQ: "I'm working on my movie "Cabeibusha" this year together with Julian Robinet. We've filmed in a few locations already, including my island Aruba. In this movie we want to take you guys on my windsurfing adventures and showcase what (pro) windsurfers deal with during the year. (Travelling, training and competing). Can't wait to show you guys some clips.

We're heading out to our next filming location straight after Défi. All I can say is that's it's going to be cold! We will start promoting our project soon. So stay tuned and I hope you will enjoy the final production! In June I think I will get ready for my usual Canarian Island summer, starting in Gran Canaria!"

--PWA: Thanks SQ. Congrats again on winning in Korea and we'll look forward to seeing you in Gran Canaria in July.

If you'd like to stay up to date with all of Sarah-Quita Offringa's latest news then be sure to 'like' her Facebook Fan page, which can be found here.

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Air Force launches hush-hush mini-shuttle into space

MARCIA DUNN
AP Aerospace Writer
CAPE CANAVERAL, Florida (AP) — A mysterious
space plane rocketed
into orbit Wednesday,
carrying no crew but a
full load of technology
experiments.

The Air Force launched its unmanned mini-shuttle late Wednesday morning. An Atlas V rocket lifted it up and out over the Atlantic.

This is the fourth flight for the military research program, which is shrouded in secrecy. The last X-37B mission lasted 674 days and ended with a California touchdown.

Altogether, the first three X-37B flights spanned 1,367 days. That's $3\frac{1}{2}$ years.

The Air Force won't say how long this particular mission will last or where it will end. Public commentary about the launch ended barely five minutes after liftoff, well before the space plane was supposed to settle into a relatively low orbit.

The X-37B looks like a min-



This June 2009 photo made available by the U.S. Air Force via NASA shows the X-37B Orbital Test Vehicle at Vandenberg Air Force Base, Calif.

iature version of a NASA space shuttle. It is 29 feet (9 meters) long — about one-quarter the length of a space shuttle — and its wingspan is about 15 feet (4.6 meters).

Like the old shuttle, the Boeing-built X-37B launches vertically and lands horizontally, is reusable, and has lots of room for experiments. But no one flies on them; they are operated robotically. This X-37B — also known as OTV, or orbital test vehicle — has a materials-sample experiment on board for NASA, as well as an experimental electric-propulsion thruster

for the Air Force. But perhaps the most intriguing payload, at least from the public point of view, is a solar-sail demo sponsored by the Planetary Society.

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The society's chief executive officer, Bill Nye, better known as Bill Nye the Science Guy, said a

large, light, shiny Mylar sail measuring 32 square meters (344 square feet) was tucked into a small box for liftoff. The intent is for sunlight to propel it, once it is released and deployed in orbit. The sail hitched a ride on the upper-stage rocket for a test flight.

Such technology could be useful for future missions to monitor solar weather and keep a lookout for possible asteroids headed our way.

"We're very hopeful that the thing will deploy properly, sunlight will hit it and get a push," Nye said after liftoff.

A similar experiment by the group was lost in a Russian launch accident 10 years ago. This time, it turned to United Launch Alliance, a venture between Boeing and Lockheed Martin Corp.

The group's members are "very happy to be aboard a U.S.-built, high-reliability big-time rocket," he told Atlas launch control, "So thank you guys."







Chelsea Clinton book 'It's Your World' coming

NEW YORK (AP) — Another Clinton is becoming an author.

Clinton, Chelsea daughter of former President Bill Clinton and current presidential candidate Hillary Rodham Clinton, has a deal with Penguin Young Readers for "It's Your World: Get Informed, Get Inspired & Get Going!" the publisher announced Wednesday.

The book aims to inspire young people to "chanae the world" and will cover issues including poverty and gender equality, according to Penguin. Publication is scheduled for Sept. 15.

"In 'It's Your World,' I try to explain what I think are some of the biggest challenges facing our world today, particularly for young people," Chelsea Clinton said in a statement issued by Penguin.

"I also explore some of the solutions to those challenges and share stories of inspiring kids and teenagers doing amazing work to help people and our planet have brighter and healthier futures."



In this March 23, 2015 file photo, Chelsea Clinton, vice chair of the Clinton Foundation, arrives at the launch of ServiceNation's "Serve A Year" campaign in Los Angeles.

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Penguin said the idea for the book originated with Jill Santopolo, executive editor of the Penguin imprint Philomel Books.

A spokesman for Chelsea Clinton, Kamyl Bazbaz, said she will donate all the proceeds to "charities of her choosing that focus on the issues addressed in the book." Bazbas said the proceeds will not be donated to the family charity the

Clinton Foundation.

Clinton's parents have each released million-selling memoirs centered on their White House years. Their other books include Hillary Clinton's memoir on her years as secretary of state, "Hard Choices," and a publication by Bill Clinton that has a theme not unlike Chelsea's book, "Giving: How Each of Us Can Change the World."

Duchovny among hosts for Red Nose Day' charity telecast



This April 2, 2015 photo released by NBC shows actor David Duchovny wearing a red clown nose to promote Red Nose Day, in Pasedena, Calif.

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LOS ANGELES (AP) — NBC has a trio of hosts for its "Red Nose Day" charity telecast.

The network said Wednesday that David Duchovny, Jane Krakowski and Seth Meyers will each host an hour of Thursday's threehour special.

The fundraiser for children living in poverty is the first U.S. version of Britain's "Red Nose Day" event that's raised more than \$1 billion in its three decades.

Money from the NBC special and supplemental efforts will go to organizations helping poor children in the United States and elsewhere in the world.

Celebrities taking part in the show airing from 8-11 p.m. Eastern on Thursday include Julia Roberts, Pharrell, Ed Sheeran, Jennifer Aniston and Blake Shelton.

Hollywood sex abuse documentary screens in Cannes

JILL LAWLESS, **Associated Press** CANNES, France (AP) —

A dark side of the movie world has played out onscreen at Cannes in "An Open Secret," a documentary about child sexual abuse that calls itself "the movie Hollywood doesn't want you to see."

The film features interviews with former child actors and models who were abused by agents, managers and other industry figures. The filmmakers hope it will en- a careful legal line, namcourage more victims speak out.

"Once kids see that we stick up for the victims, then that's when I think more people will come forward," Evan Henzi, a former child performer who was abused by his manager, said after a Tuesday screening.

Henzi said his abuse "started when I was 11 and I didn't come forward until I was 18, and it ruined my entire childhood."

The film is directed by acclaimed documentarian Amy Berg, who made miscarriage-of-justice story "West of Memphis" and the Academy Award-nominated "Deliver us from Evil," about child abuse in the Roman Catholic church.

"An Open Secret" treads ing only abusers who have been convicted of sex of-

One of the interviewees is Michael Egan, a former child actor who filed — and then dropped — a lawsuit accusing "X-Men" director Bryan Singer of sexu-



In this Nov. 14, 2014 file photo, director Amy Berg poses with Evan Henzi from the film, at the world premiere of "An Open Secret" during DOC NYC at the SVA Theater, New York.

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has denied the claims, and the film does not make though he is named as an charges involving minors.

ally abusing him. Singer acquaintance of digital entertainment entrepreneur Marc Collins-Rector, allegations against him, who was convicted of sex

"An Open Secret" will have a limited release in 20 U.S. cities starting June 5, and is seeking foreign buyers in Cannes, where it screened outside the festival selec-

It focuses on a handful of victims who were willing to speak on camera, but former Olympic diving champion Greg Louganis, who is in Cannes to support the movie, said this is "the tip of the iceberg in Hollywood." "This also extends into the sporting world, too," said Louganis, who has spoken about his own experiences as a victim of sexual abuse. "There is so much money involved that silence can be bought," he said. "This is about intimidation and having power and control."□



Godzilla creator sues U.S. studio, alleges copyright violation

YURI KAGEYAMA **AP Business Writer**

TOKYO (AP) — Japanese movie studio Toho Co. said Wednesday it is suing Voltage Pictures and a director in a lawsuit complaining that promotions of an upcoming film infringe on its copyright to Godzilla.

The lawsuit was filed Tuesday in a federal court in Los Angeles over use of images from the 2014 "Godzilla" movie and to try to gain financing and distribution for the film "Colossal" at the Cannes Film Festival.

Toho created Godzilla with its 1954 classic film, owns the rights to the character and licenses it for figures and video games, as well as Hollywood remakes. such as last year's "Godzilla" movie directed by Gareth Edwards.

The current complaint is over buzz that Los Angeles-based Voltage is trying to create for director Nacho Vigalondo's "Colossal" that Toho says uses Godzilla images without



In this April 9, 2015 file photo, Godzilla's head is unveiled atop an office of Toho Co., the Japanese movie studio behind the 1954 original film of the irradiated monster, as it was appointed a special resident and tourism ambassador for Tokyo's Shinjuku ward during its awards ceremony in Tokyo. **Associated Press**

permission or payment. Toho's lawyers are seeking an injunction that would block production and distribution of the film.

Production for the film has not yet begun, and it is unclear whether Godzilla will be in the finished product. But the lawsuit accuses Voltage of using the Godzilla image in emails and other promotion activities, allegedly to raise funds for the film.

Voltage Pictures President Jonathan Deckter declined to comment.

Founded in 2005, Voltage Pictures is an international

online publication about movies, Vigalondo said he planned to make a Godzilla film, but one that depicts the experience of being in the Godzilla rubber suit, as the monster was initially portrayed.

"It's going to be the cheapest Godzilla movie ever, I promise," said Vigalondo, who directed "Open Windows."

Toho's reptilian monster mutated from nuclearweapons testing and appealed to the emotions of Japanese people traumatized by the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Over the decades, the creature wowed fans by stomping on cities, crashing new buildings and fighting other monsters.

Toho killed Godzilla in 2004, with the 28th film in the series, but has decided to shoot a new film after the Hollywood remake proved a hit.

Critics slam HBO drama 'Game of Thrones' for rape scene

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A U.S. senator is among those condemning a rape scene on HBO's "Game of Thrones."

In a comment tweeted Tuesday, Sen. Claire Mc-Caskill described the sexual assault as "gratuitous" "disgusting." Democratic lawmaker from Missouri said she was done with the show.

Others critics included the website The Mary Sue, which offers a feminist view of pop culture. The website posted that it would no longer promote "Game of Thrones" and said that rape is not a device to drive a story.

HBO declined comment Tuesday on the reaction to the episode that debuted last Sunday. An after-hours call to Mc-Caskill's office seeking further comment was not immediately returned.

The attack involved newly married characters Sansa,



This photo provided by courtesy of HBO shows, Sophie Turner, left, as Sansa Stark, and Iwan Rheon, as Ramsay Bolton, in a scene from season 5 of "Game of Thrones." Associated Press

played by Sophie Turner, and Ramsay, portrayed by Iwan Rheon. Ramsay's rape of Sansa was off- Last season, HBO was camera, suggested in her slammed over another cries and the distress on a bystander's face.

The scene differed from the work of George R.R. Martin, whose novels are the basis of "Game of Thrones." In Martin's work, a different character marries Ramsay and is sexu-

ally assaulted by another man at Ramsay's direc-

rape scene, that one involving incestuous lovers. The show's ongoing graphic violence also has drawn criticism.

Despite the attacks, "Game of Thrones" remains a steady hit in its fifth season.

Barbra Streisand memoir scheduled for 2017



In this June 20, 2013 file photo, singer Barbra Streisand performs during her concert in Tel Aviv, Israel. **Associated Press**

NEW YORK (AP) — Barbra Streisand is set to publish her long-discussed and long-promised memoir.

finance, production and

distribution company, with

a library of about 100 films,

including "The Hurt Lock-

In an August 2014 inter-

view with Film Divider, an

The legendary singeractress-filmmaker has a deal with Viking for her life story, the publisher announced Wednesday. The book is currently untitled and scheduled for 2017. According to Viking, Streisand will reflect on her childhood, her career and on the private life she has carefully guarded.

Streisand, 73, has been contemplating a memoir

since at least 2009 when she told The Associated Press that she had been writing down thoughts and wondering whether she wanted to "relive" her life. The subject of numerous unauthorized books, she committed herself more strongly in recent years, saying she was determined to clear up various myths. In 2010, Viking published Streisand's "My Passion for Design," an illustrated book featuring her Malibu, California, oceanfront compound.



Let George Do It



Gail Collins © 2015 New York Times

Just in case you haven't heard: May 28 is the date that George Pataki will announce whether he's running for the Republican presidential nomination.

Yes! George Pataki. Of New York. How can you not remember? He was governor for 12 years, for heaven's sake.

Actually, I can understand how it slipped your mind. In 1999, when Pataki was still in office and much more famous than he is today, he went to New Hampshire to feel out his presidential prospects, and I remember having an argument with a cabdriver in Manchester who was sure that the governor of New York was Rudy Giuliani.

This is the season when America grows its crop of presidential candidates, and even if the names are improbable, attention must be paid.

While the Democratic side has not been particularly fertile, the Republican contenders are multiplying like gerbils. Six hats are already in the ring. On May 27, Rick (Remember Me?) Santorum will tell us where his metaphorical headwear is going. A coy tweet from Texas reveals that Mr. and Mrs. Rick Perry "have been discussing the future of this great country and how our family can play a role," and promises "a special announcement" on June

Donald Trump claims he'll have some exciting news in June, too. It's been a hard couple of weeks for Republicans, but the future is filled with cheer. No reason worrying about Jeb Bush cratering when you have Rick Santorum, Rick Perry, Donald Trump and George Pataki to look forward to.

The first Republican debate is scheduled for Aug. 6 - plan your party now - and the way things stand, the crowd on stage may be the size of the Mormon Tabernacle Choir. Right now there seem to be at least 15 hopefuls. (Former ambassador John Bolton announced he would not be running this week, stunning many Americans who had no idea former ambassador John Bolton even existed.)

Let us count the candidates. Eleven of them are scheduled to give speeches at a Republican fundraiser in lowa on Saturday night. That would include Jeb Bush, Dr. Ben Carson, Carly Fiorina, Sen. Lindsey Graham, Gov. Bobby Jindal, George Pataki,

Sen. Rand Paul, Rick Perry, Rick Santorum, Donald Trump and Gov. Scott Walker.

And there's more! The lowa roster doesn't include Gov. Chris Christie, currently recovering from revelations about an \$83,000 bill for snacks at NFL games that we hope will someday be known as Treatgate. Three already announcedcandidates - Ted Cruz, Marco Rubio and Mike Huckabee - apparently had someplace better to be this weekend. (Let's hope it's the Mitt Romney-Evander Holyfield boxing match.) Give the Republicans credit. That's a pretty diverse group, with one Indian-American, one African-American, two Cuban-Americans and, anyway, at least one woman. Plus, the list includes both the first surgeon to separate twins conjoined at the back of the head and the first realityshow host to fire Khloe Kardashi-

Imagine all these people trying to get the nation's attention in a debate. The Republicans are planning a maximum of 12 primary debates this year, but it would take that many just to get the names straight.

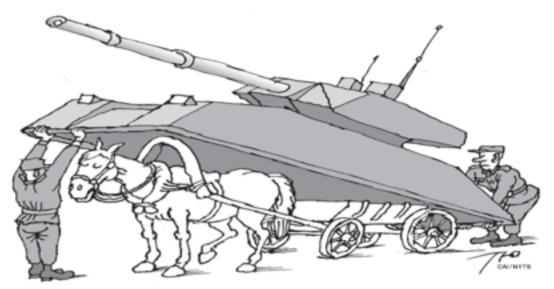
Both parties are trying to put a lid on the number of debates under the theory that they're just opportunities for the future nominees to be embarrassed into saying something stupid. But the rest of the nation would be perfectly happy to have one every night. Really. It's not like we can't change the channel. And there's always the hope that one of the fresh new faces will suddenly announce that he believes in a past life he was Catherine the Great.

The more candidates, the more possibilities of cheap thrills. However, on the issues front, there's already a lot of consensus. For instance, retroactive foreign policy: If they could time-travel back to 2002, everybody would stay the heck out of Iraq.

On the abortion issue, only Pataki is pro-choice. Perhaps you were under the impression that former business executive Carly Fiorina was a moderate on matters like reproduction rights - no. Or Donald Trump - no. Although I realize that Donald Trump couldn't win you over if he announced he was donating his entire fortune to Planned Parenthood. Presuming there is an entire fortune.

Anyhow, George Pataki has announced he's going to make an announcement. And why the heck not? At worst, he's a deeply uncharismatic reminder of the days of yore, when life was simpler and a Bush was running for president. Even after it became clear that George W. was going to win the nomination, we fantasized about Pataki getting the second slot so the Republicans could have an entire ticket of governors named George.

If W. had known then what he knows now, he might have considered it. We'd have spent eight years with Vice President Pataki. And the world would be a better place.



He Is Heavy. He's My Brother.



Maureen Dowd © 2015 New York Times WASHINGTON - It isn't about what we know now.

It's about what we knew then. It is simply not true, as Republican presidential aspirant Scott Walker said on Friday, that "any president would have likely taken the same action Bush did with the information he had."

That's not giving enough credit to W. and his frothing band of Reservoir Dogs.

It took a Herculean effort of imagination, manipulation and deception to concoct "the information" that propelled the invasion, occupation and destruction of a country that had nothing to do with 9/11.

When the Republican House majority leader at the time, Dick Armey, balked at invading Iraq unprovoked, because Saddam was a clownish tyrant but not a nuclear menace to America, Dick Cheney summoned Armey to his Capitol hideaway and coerced him with brazen fabrications.

As Barton Gellman wrote in "Angler: The Cheney Vice Presidency," Cheney tried to spook his old friend in September 2002 by confiding that the Iraqis were well on their way to developing miniaturized nuclear weapons and that al-Qaida was working with Saddam and his family both spurious assertions.

Aside from the Blair poodle and the Coalition of the Willing-to-Overlook-Counterfeit-Claims, our allies tried to warn us. You know you're in trouble when the Germans tell you that you're too militaristic. The Saudis thought Saddam was a monster, but they sent top emissaries to urge W. against war. Prince Saud, the foreign minister, and Prince Bandar, the ambassador in Washington, told the president that Saddam had assured them that

he would allow the inspectors in. The Saudis explained what should have been obvious to the foreign affairs neophyte in the Oval Office: Saddam, who was writing romance novels, listening to Frank Sinatra and reading Hemingway's "The Old Man and the Sea," was simply blustering like any Arab despot would, trying to deter Iran with a big imaginary cache of WMD.

Everyone paying attention after 9/11 knew that the Bush crew had crudely and cynically switched villains, diverting America's fury and fear from Osama, whose address was unknown, to Saddam, a reliable Bush family punching bag. They used patriotism like brass knuckles.

It was the Potomac version of "Murder on the Orient Express." All those who pushed, or went along with, the Iraq invasion, had different but interlocking motives for the crime: W. wanted to avenge and one-up his father, whom he accused of cutting and running in Iraq; Hillary wanted to show that she could manup; Cheney wanted to make America a hyperpower. Donald Rumsfeld wanted a target-rich environment to pound some Arabs. Paul Wolfowitz wanted to turn Iraq into a model kitchen for democracy.

Karl Rove, who once thought the war would help build a Republican empire at home, still defends it. At a University of Connecticut speechin March, he was confronted by an Iraq war veteran who asked him to apologize for the "useless war." Rove insisted that "it was the right thing to remove Saddam Hussein from power."

But, as Sen. Rand Paul bluntly argued last weekend while visiting a San Francisco tech company, America was better off with Saddam in power.

"Every time we've toppled a secular strong man, we've gotten chaos and more radical Islam, and we're all less safe because of it," the Republican of Kentucky told me. "I think I could say that at the lowa Republican convention and still be well-received with it."

Col. Lawrence Wilkerson, the former chief of staff to Colin Powell, told the Concord Monitor that it was a "fair assessment" to say Iraq was better off under Saddam.

In 1993, I covered Jeb on his thwarted first try to be Florida governor. He seemed mildly annoyed that his raffish older brother had jumped into the arena to run for governor in Texas. W. was co-opting Jeb's campaign lines and making it, as Jeb worried, "a People magazine story," a Tweedledee and Tweedledum power grab.

"As the son of a famous person," Jeb told me on the trail then, "I carry the pluses and minuses of past wars."

But, now, as the brother of a famous person, he literally carries the minuses of past wars. In a dunderheaded move that has hobbled his nascent 2016 campaign, Jeb wanted to breeze past any discussion of W.'s Oedipal crash into the globe, hiding behind the flag of Bush loyalty and the family allergy to hypotheticals.

Since Jeb purloined Florida for W., under family pressure, the Good Son bears some responsibility for the Prodigal Son plopping the country into a "doo doo ball," as one of Poppy Bush's pals calls it.

Jeb had barely finished insisting that he was his own man before he voluntarily shackled himself to W., putting several members of his brother's war-torture-and-Katrina tarnished brain trust on his advisory list and telling a group of financiers in New York that W. was his top adviser on the Middle East!

The 62-year-old was schooled on W.'s deadly Middle East legacy by a 19-year-old University of Nevada student, Ivy Ziedrich, who explained to the would-be leader of the free world that ISIS - which is gobbling up more and more pieces of Iraq - was not the virulent spawn of President Barack Obama's policies, but of his brother's.

As with the Clintons, the fraught family dynamic of the Bushes spills over to affect life-or-death policymaking. While they proclaim they don't want to be on the couch about their misguided dreams of empire, we get ensnared in their "Empire"-style psychodramas.

And consider this: Jeb hasn't even been asked any questions yet about W.'s dark contributions on waterboarding, the deficit and the near-total collapse of the American economy.



Summer Dinner Ideas That Work Again and Again

Sam Sifton © 2015 New York Times

We were sitting in the backroom of the Montreal restaurant Joe Beef not so long ago, eating the first shrimp of the sea-

mess with their perfection. This summer, I'd like to propose, should be all about lobster butter (more easily made than its lushness suggests) along with a

and the techniques don't pound butters as well, for use on steaks and fish and vegetables.

> We'll have a good dry rub on hand, too, to coat the cheap supermarket steaks of summer, big

leaves

1 tablespoon basil leaves, rolled and chopped into chiffonade

1 teaspoon granulated sugar

1 teaspoon kosher salt

making sure bowl does not touch the surface of water. Add lobster shells to the melted butter and simmer gently, without boiling, about 20 minutes. 3. Strain the melted butter through a cheeseclothlined sieve into another bowl, then set that bowl into ice to chill. Cover bowl and refrigerate to set, then skim off the top and discard any liquids. Use within a few days, or freeze for up to a few weeks.

Yield: 1/2 cup



Spiedies — grilled skewers of meat marinated in what amounts to Italian dressing — on grilled bread, in Birmingham, Ala. Summer cooking is different from the kitchen shenanigans we get into during the rest of the year, and these insta-sauces, spice rubs and marinades lift main dishes that are otherwise simply cooked. (Melina Hammer/The New York Times)

son, when the waiter told us to dip the meat into a tureen of lobster butter. It was a dark and clouded sauce, slightly yellow, slightly green. We dipped and ate - sweet shrimp meat against deep salinity and velvet sauciness and it was like hearing a summer anthem for the very first time, addictive from the start. We dipped everything in lobster butter that night. We're still at it now, and will be through Labor Day.

Summer cooking is different from the kitchen shenanigans we get into during the rest of the year. We discover flavors, or methods, and we hit repeat on their excellence, again and again. We get into grooves. We use just a couple of techniques and ingredients and we stick with them, as long as we can, because the ingredients are awesome

few other easy, versatile flavor enhancers that can improve most everything they touch. Each summer's hit sona has a hook that makes it irresistible. These insta-sauces and spice rubs and marinades are our culinary version of those: recipes to lift main dishes that are otherwise simply cooked.

So we'll use the lobster butter for shrimp, fish, clams and mussels, as a mix-in for spaghetti, and probably for corn when it comes. It is as simple as anything to prepare. Steam some lobsters and enjoy them, then harvest Zest of 1 lemon the shells to roast down 1/4 cup freshly squeezed and bubble with 1 pound or more of unsalted butter, like a stock made with fat instead of water.

Too much effort for you? We'll take those high-fat European butters they sell at the fancymart and make some simple com-

London broils to feed a crowd. And we'll mix up a strong Italianate marinade to use on chicken, pork, beef, lamb or venison. The flavor is retroregional, a nod to the skewered spiedies of upstate New York. We'll use it when we want to grill skewered meats for dinner, which is something (the forecast says) we will want to do a lot.

SPIEDIE MARINADE

Time: 5 minutes

1 cup extra-virgin olive oil 3/4 cup red wine vinegar

lemon juice (about 2 lemons)

4 cloves garlic, peeled, smashed and roughly chopped

1 bay leaf

tablespoon thyme leaves

1 tablespoon oregano

teaspoon freshly cracked black pepper 1 teaspoon red pepper flakes, or to taste Whisk together all the in-

gredients in a large bowl, then use as a marinade for cubes of chicken, pork, lamb or beef.

Yield: Enough for 2 to 3 pounds meat

LOBSTER BUTTER

Time: 45 minutes Shells of cooked lobsters, crushed into small pieces 8 tablespoons (1 stick) unsalted butter per lobster 1. Heat oven to 300 degrees. Put lobster shells you can fit in the oven, and allow them to dry and roast, about 15 to 20 minutes. Remove and set aside.

2. Meanwhile, melt 1 stick butter per lobster in a large bowl or double boiler over simmering water,

COMPOUND BUTTER

Time: 10 minutes

8 tablespoons unsalted butter

1 tablespoon herb leaves, minced

1 small shallot, peeled and minced

teaspoons freshly squeezed lemon or lime juice

Splash Champagne- or white-wine vinegar

Put the butter on a cutting board and, using a fork, cut the other ingredients into it until the butter is creamy and smooth. Scrape the butter together with a chef's knife, and form it into a rough log. If making ahead of time, roll it tightly in a sheet of plastic wrap and refrigerate or freeze until ready to use.

Yield: 1/2 cup

SUMMER DRY RUB

Time: 5 minutes 1/2 cup paprika, or 1/3 cup smoked paprika 1/4 cup kosher salt 1/4 cup freshly ground black pepper 1/4 cup brown sugar 1/4 cup chili powder 3 tablespoons ground

cumin 2 tablespoons ground co-

riander

on the largest sheet pan 1 tablespoon cayenne pepper, or to taste Combine all ingredients in a bowl and mix well with a fork to break up the sugar and combine the spices. Mixture will keep in an airtight container, out of the light, for a few months. Yield: 2 3/4 cups

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